

Workers' stake plan for Post Office

By Philip Bassett and Juli Sherman

THE GOVERNMENT is examining plans to give postal workers a stake in the Post last 18 months, including a Office by introducing a form of employee ownership.

The move to give the Post Office more commercial free dom by offering staff a 49 per cent share of the business would improve industrial relations and help avoid a damaging spate of new strikes by Post Office workers this

The move, which would be review into the best way to supported by senior manage give the Post Office greater ers, follows a period of bitter commercial freedom in the industrial relations over the face of mounting competition

series of one-day strikes last autumn. Workers are already threatening a similar period of disruption this year. The scheme would also

boost income for the Post Office and allow it the commercial freedom to raise extra

Shortly after the general election ministers instigated a

from Europe. Managers have been urging the Government to allow the Post Office to form joint ventures with private sector partners and to be freed from the straitjacket of public sector borrowing controls.

Ministers have now completed the review and it is understood that they have asked senior officials in the Department of Trade and Industry to examine the options of giving the 190,000 employees a stake in the

One option is to give all employees shares in a Post Office transformed into a public corporation.

The total number of employee shares would be 49 per cent or less, leaving overall control with the Government.

The employees, as share-holders, would then get a return on any profits. Last month the Post Office declared a record profit of £577million for 1996-97, its 20th successive year of subsidy-free profit. This could reduce money

generated for the Treasury but ministers believe that this would be more than offset by the complete transformation of the structure of the Post Office without resorting to full-scale privatisation as well as improving the poor indus-

trial relations record. Currently the Post Office on its own accounts for about 12 per cent of all working days lost through strikes in Britain. Senior managers are warning

Royal Mail over plans to introduce US-style teamworking could be followed by a similar bout of strike action this year over the same issue in the run-up to Christmas.

But ministers believe that giving employees a direct stake in the performance of the business which employs them could hugely improve industrial relations and cut down the likelihood of strikes. Ian privately that last autumn's McCartney. Department of rash of one-day strikes in the Trade and Industry minister

Shake-up seen as boost for income and opportunity to end strikes Office, says employers and crease their commitment. The DTI has completed the employees must "come togeth-

> and a common objective" He says that "good employment relationships" have not existed in the recent past in the Post Office, and that "needs to be changed."

er with a common approach

Other options being exam-ined by Whitehall officials are understood to include a profitsharing scheme. Senior managers have argued that restricOffice against pay in other communications businesses. and believe that an option like profit sharing could boost

first stage of its review, which is intended to work out how best to implement Labour's election pledge to give the Post Office greater commercial freedom rather than try to analyse whether greater freedom should be given.

Ministers and Whitehall officials are expected to begin a rolling programme of change towards the end of the

TV rights for Test cricket may be sold to highest bidder

By JELL SHERMAN, JOHN GOODBODY AND CAROL MIDGLEY

the highest bidder under pro- his decision to confine a Lotposals being considered by the tery-backed £100m national Government to give subscrip-tion channels the chance to bid for some of the "Crown Jew-

els" of sporting events. Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, Mediaand Sport, conceded yesterday that he was considering demands from cricket authorities to allow the sport to boost its income by seiling television rights for home Test matches to satellite stations such as

BSkyB and cable TV. The sale could raise up to £150m for a four-year contract but it would outrage British. cricket lovers who are used to the BBC, which has for years. held the contract for home Test matches.

Mr Smith's comments fol-



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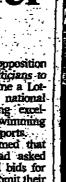
the Government had asked the three shortlisted bids for

team sports such as football, rugby and cricket have substantial financial backing but they say that the academy would include talented young

Mr Smith hopes that he will be able to choose one of the shortlisted bids to build the academy in Oxfordshire. Loughborough or Sheffield by the end of this month, ministers have not ruled out reopening the whole bidding process if the three schemes are

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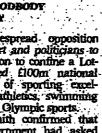
to encourage his favourite sports of footballand cricket.

ships in Athens. During the general election campaign Labour said urgent steps should be taken to put Britain back in the top ten of medals within ten years. Ministers argue that major

inadequate. He said that the headquar-

Cricket is not a nich sport. which we're not able to do at cricket has to be on terrestrial television - then that really powers," he said.

"If the Government is not



Mr Smith confirmed that the academy to resubmit their proposals excluding football, rugby and cricket. The original plan put forward by John Major proposed an academy

Britain failed to win a single gold medal in the recent athletics world champion-

tennis players.

ters should include first-class training facilities, an athletics track and the best sports medicine and sports science back-up. Lord MacLantin, chairman of the England Cricket Board, said that if his game was not to be covered by the academy then it should be able to negotiate its own television contracts.



to sell historic Old Vic

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

SIR PETER HALL yesterday accused the Canadian owners of the Old Vic of bringing his repertory company to the London theatre only to add glamour and boost its value before putting it up for sale. In an attack on Ed Mirvish

and his son, David, the director expressed dismay that the famous Georgian building would not provide the promised long-term home for his company, which moved in only weeks ago. "I have wondered whether the invitation to go there was to make it look more glamorous," he said, adding that he had been told that the final curtain must fall on December 6, the end of the

company's first season. Sir Peter pointed out that his productions had given the Old Vic its highest profile since it was occupied by the National er in the 1960s.

Theatre under Laurence Olivi-The owners, who bought the theatre from under the noses of office developers for

£550,000 15 years ago, unex-

pectedly put it on the market at the weekend for £7.5 million to concentrate on their extensive theatre, restaurant and

retail business in Toronto. Responding to Sir Peter's attack, David Mirvish blamed the distance between Toronto and London for the decision to sell, a decision that was made only two weeks ago. "Money is one thing. Time is another. Much as I enjoy being in England, I can't devote the



Sir Peter: shocked

time I'd like. At home, I know how to keep my theatre filled." He said that the 743 people he saw at a performance of

The Seagull in a theatre that seats 1,000 was "not enough to satisfy me", adding: "I want to see every seat filled. I can't do that [from Toronto]. Of a reported £29 million loss he said: "I don't know

where they got that figure. We are a private company and one of the privileges [of that] is that we don't give out our figures. Whatever we made or lost, I am happy with the experience of the Old Vic. We have had a great time." But, he said, if the theatre failed to sell, "I may well do something with Peter".

Sir Peter said of the sale: "It's awful. It was a sudden shock. We have been getting the best business in London for a straight play by far." Even in August, traditionally a quiet month, The Seaguil is filling up to 80 per cent of

seats: Waiting for Godot is

Students face loss of offers

By DAVID CHARTER AND MARTIN FLETCHER

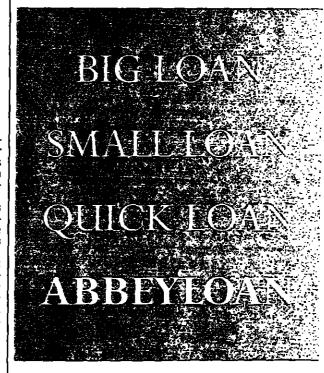
HUNDREDS of students celebrating their acceptance for university will be told this week that their place has been withdrawn because of an examination board mix-up.

The wrong A-level results from an estimated 1,000 students are believed to have been passed to universities and colleges. A row has broken out about

the mistake between the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) and the boards involved, the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment

Ucas passed on the grades to admission officers early last week so universities could tell students as soon as possible after Thursday's publication of A-level results whether they had secured the places they were aiming for. Owing to a computer error, some of the grades were wrong.

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Covent Garden tries to fill an ordinary role

By DALYA ALBERGE AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE Royal Opera House wants to appoint an ordinary Joe - or Josephine - to its board as part of a drive to shed its elitist image. Suitable candidates should be basic rate taxpayers, preferably from the North and probably will know more about Blur

ihan Bellini. More women and people from ethnic minorities are also being sought by Covent Garden as it tries to fulfill a pledge by Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, to to create a "people's opera". The move comes with up to nine vacancies on the board of sixteen expected to be available by the end of the year in what is regarded as an ideal opportunity for the opera house to create "a truly representative board".

According to Keith Cooper, the opera house's spokesman, the board wants to appoint someone with a common touch. Candidates are unlikely to be high-profile Richard Branson-type figures. Instead, a person who has no wealthy connections or friends among the chattering classes is preferred.

The opera house is responding to concerns raised by the Heritage Select Committee last month when it emerged that only three directors came from outside London, only two were women and there was nobody from the ethnic minorities. Even the three directors based outside London were said to be within commuting dis-

tance", living in the Home Counties. Among the directors up for reselection this autumn are Sir Derek Birkin, 67, former chairman of the RTZ Corporation: P.J. Butler, senior partner with KPMG Peat Marwick; Robert

Gavron, 56, chairman of the Guardian Media Group and a friend of Tony Blair who gave £500,000 to Labour before the general election; and Vivien Duffield, 51, the shoe heiress and partner of Sir Jocleyn Stevens, who is regarded as the country's most formidable fundraiser.

Their appointments last for three years but are renewable for another three. Further vacancies were created with the resignation of Baroness Blackstone on becoming a minister in the Government and Sir Jeremy Isaacs, who retires in September.

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Pensions crisis threatens services

The trend towards early retirement has cost local councils an extra £3.8bn in six years, reports Nicholas Wood

MINISTERS are to come under fresh pressure to confront a town hall pensions crisis which threatens to wreck vital services and increase council tax bills. A report from the Audit Commission will urge the Government to tighten up on early retirement deals for senior council

bureaucrats. It finds that early retirement has now become the norm, with only 20 per cent of staff leaving after the expected 40 years of service. And it reveals over the past six years such deals have lumbered town hall pension funds with an extra £3.8 billion of liabilities, which will ultimately fall on taxpayers.

The cost of letting a senior council executive leave 10 years early can be £300,000, according to a draft copy of the report passed to The Times. It says: There is no doubt that widespread use of early retirement as a tool for change has created liabilities which will increase employers' pen-

sion costs in the future. "While the consequences of past actions will be inevitable in the future, there are real opportunities to control future use of early retirement and prevent further aggravation of what is already a difficult situation

for many authorities." The Commission wants councils to make an up-front payment to pen-sion funds when they approve an early retirement deal — so ensuring that the long-term costs are not swept under the carpet and that councillors are kept fully in the picture. This would relieve the strain on pension funds while threatening immediate tax increases or cuts elsewhere.

The Commission's report will also

cial plight of public sector pensions. It has already warned of a "pensions timebomb" threatening fire services. Similar difficulties confront the police. Sir Paul Condon, Metropolitan Police commissioner, claimed

that the pensions burden had been

one of the reasons for a cut of 668 officers in London during 1997-1997. Senior figures in local government are now calling for urgent action from ministers to plug mounting shortfalls in pension funds. Tony Ritchie, Labour leader of the London Fire and Civil Defence Authority. said: "We may move towards being more a pensions authority than a fire

Peter Scales, chairman of the pensions panel of Cipfa, the main professional body for public sector

authority. In revenue terms and

provision of services, it's very

accountants, said: "The more firemen that retire, the more fire engines that have to come off the road."

Unlike the local government scheme covering 2 million people. fire and police pensions are unfunded. This means that all costs have to be met from contributions from employees and employers. Any shortfall has to be met by employers, who can only recoup the money by squeezing services or putting up

The Audit Commission has already warned that the mismatch between income and expenditure for firemen's pensions is growing alarmingly. It found that in 10 years, 25 per cent of fire brigade budgets will be siphoned off to pay the service's mounting number of pensioners. Police budgets are also being eaten by the growing demand for

pensions. On average, 16 per cent of police budgets go on pensions, but in some areas, such as North Yorkshire, the figure is 23 per cent. Money earmarked for employing extra officers and buying new equipment is being soaked up by spiralling pen-

Ken Rose, general manager of the association of chief fire officers, said: "The deficit on pensions is increasing at an alarming rate and it's a major problem for local authorities. The increase in the pensions deficit is almost uncontrollable."

Martin Chapman, deputy chief fire officer in Dorset, added: "Most brigades do have a pensions timebomb that is steadily mounting." He added that in his area, no worse than most, £2 million of the £15.5. million budget was going on paying firefighters' pensions.

Old Vic

attack

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very disappointing", he said.

The actors are devastated."

Old Vic in a sealed bid, fending off competition from Lord Lloyd-Webber. They lav-

ished some 52.5 million on restoring it for a grand open-ing in October 1983.

Sir Peter's venture — staging 13 classic and new plays a year in repertory and without state subsidy — was an-

nounced last year.

David Mirvish described

owning and running the the-

atre as one of the "greatest experiences". However, To-

ronto beckoned. Their 2,000-

seat theatre, the Princess of

Wales, which they built in 1993

and opened with Miss Saigon.

requires their undivided atten-

tion. They also own five res-

taurants, a large bookshop and a five-storey bargain de-

He spoke of being "especial-ly proud" of Sir Peter's produc-

tions. "It is of the highest

quality and has been pro-

duced under tight budgets."

Those factors, he added, made

the decision to sell the theatre

all the more difficult. He

mentioned concern about the

known that we sustained

losses during the first three

since acquiring the theatre, the

Mirvishes' losses have topped

£29 million, partly as it was

often dark. But, Mr Mirvish noted after the first three months that "the box office is

now very healthy and we

anticipate that we will recoup

some of this loss before the

season's end on December 6".

months of the season." Some reports suggest that

partment store.

The Mirvishes bought the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cult members move along from beach

Followers of a German cult who clashed with police last week after invading a Cornish beach vanished under cover of darkness within hours of receiving notices ordering them to leave. Most members of the Horst Schaffranck Evangelical movement left the National Trust-owned Loe Bar, near Heiston, on Saturday and are believed to have returned to Germany.

A dozen, however, moved their vehicles a mile away to another National Trust site at Berepper, their fourth illegal occupation in two weeks. Trust officials plan no immediate action, believing the group is waiting for the release of cult members held in custody after court appearances on Friday. Robin Howard, countryside manager, said: "We hope they will leave of their own

Mandelson to face court

Peter Mandelson is being called as a witness in a fraud case against Bernard Carr, his election agent at the 1992 general election. Mr Carr, a councilior and a former Labour Party chairman at Hartiepool, denies eight charges over council expenses involving £732. No date has been fixed for the trial at Teesside Crown Court, but the Minister without Portfolio has been asked to give evidence.

Greenpeace four held

Police removed four Greenpeace protesters after a weeklong occupation of the BP rig Stena Dee, off the Shetland Islands. A fifth was believed to have boarded the vessel MV Greenpeace. Grampian Police said that officers were inquiring into the activities of activists in and around the installation". The protest against the Foinaven field had been due to end for reasons of safety and logistics.

Dunblane game halted

A teacher wounded in the Dumblane school shooting called for Internet material to be monitored, after a game called for Internet material to be monitored, after a game called Dunblane Massacre was discovered on a Virgin Net site. Virgin has apologised and cut off the subscriber who created it. Eileen Harrild, whose right hand was injured last year, said: "I am concerned that these things are maybe not monitored as carefully as they should be."

Asthma linked to storms

The number of asthmatics admitted to hospital can rise by almost half when thunderstorms combine with a high pollen count. Asthma admissions in 14 areas across England were recorded in a study published by the British Thoracic Society. It is believed that humidity in a thunderstorm causes pollen grains to break, releasing starch granules which trigger asthma attacks.

Canoeist feared dead

Coastguards told water-sports enthusiasts to carry proper equipment after Mark Cheyne, 36, of Aberdeen, was feared drowned when his canoe capsized 150 yards from Aber-deen beach on Saturday evening. His companion, Douglas Bennett, 23, swam ashore suffering from exposure and exhaustion. Coastguards said that the men were not wearing lifejackets and were dressed only in T-shirts and shorts.

Drug clue to car killing

A man was shot several times as he sat in his parked car in a part of Bedford popular with drug dealers. The man, 3], who has not been identified, was killed shortly after 2am yesterday. Several shots were fired through the driver's door of the Ford Fiesta XRZ. Detective Chief Superintendent Bill King, of Bedfordshire Police, said: "We are looking to see if the shooting was drug-related."

Double murder charge

A man has been charged with murdering a couple he was visiting at the weekend. Mark Nash, 24, was accused at a court in Galway of killing Carl and Catherine Doyle, both 29, of Ballintober, Co Roscommon, They had four children, one of whom witnessed the murder. Mr Nash was also charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Mrs Doyle's sister, Sarah Jane. He was remanded in custody.

Artist thinks big

An sculptor who wants to carve a 2.275ft naked man on a granite outerop near Oban says that he will take his proposal to America if Argyll and Bute council fails to support him. Alexander Stoddart, 38, from Glasgow, says that the image of the legendary Gaelic bard Ossian, reputed to have lived around 300 AD, could take up to 40 years and would be "one of the wonders of the world".

Jail songster ticked off

A prison officer has been disciplined for serenading inmates at Wakefield top security jail with pop songs. Del Marshall, 33. a prison officer for seven years, was overheard singing Oasis's Roll with It as he patrolled a wing. Colleagues have defended Mr Marshall and said he should have received a commendation for remaining

Violence on video brings pressure for regulation

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Secretary is facing growing pressure to tighten up regulations covering the sale and distribution of videos in the wake of new suggestions of links between violence on screen and the behaviour of

Jack Straw is to receive research findings in October which suggest that aggressive people are more likely to communit violent acts more frequently after watching videos than non-aggressive youngsters. The two-year study has compared the the reactions of violent and nonviolent offenders with попoffenders to see whether they remember or respond to violent or sexual incidents in video films. They were monitored immediately after the screening and nine months.

The study used a sample of 120 youths, including young offenders, aged 15-21. A followup study is to see whether their reaction to video films affects the type and nature of subsequent criminal behav-

iour and offending. The research, which has been carried out by Dr Kevin Browne of Birmingham University, suggests that violent and non-violent offenders react differently, with violent offenders more likely to re-member graphic details of brutal acts shown on film. Alun Michael, a Home Of-

fice minister of state, said: "The more you see on tele-vision or video incidents of violence, the less shocking it becomes. One would like to know whether there are some people who are particularly vulnerable to the images they see on video. There are a lot of portrayals of violence which have very little influence.

"The question is whether some people are more vulnerable to portrayals and don't make the distinction between fiction and reality."

Last night Professor Elizabeth Newson of the child development research unit at nam Universit the findings confirmed work carried out in the USA. The research will put pressure on the government to bring in new restrictions and tighter censorship of films and videos. □Jack Straw was yesterday accused by a Conservative Home Office spokesman of being soft on crime after giving the go-ahead for a feasibility study of allowing thousands of prisons to have television in their cells.



Ed Mirvish who fought off Lord Lloyd-Webber to buy the Old Vic Theatre

Trimble to discuss peace with Catholic Church

By Audrey Magee, ireland correspondent

DAVID TRIMBLE, the Ulster Unionist leader, will hold his first formal meeting with the leader of the Irish Catholic church within the next three weeks to discuss participation in the Northern Irish talks.

Mr Trimble and a delegation from the Ulster Unionist Party will meet Sean Brady, the Catholic Primate of All Ireland and Archbishop of Armagh, to ascertain whether they should enter talks on the future of Northern Ireland with Sinn Fein. The talks begin in Stormont Castle on September 15 and Sinn Fein will be allowed entry if the

IRA ceasefire called last

month is still in place. The meeting between Mr Trimble and Dr Brady will take place at the Archbishop's residence in Ara Coeli in Armagh city. It is the latest in a series of high profile moves by the UUP to engage with Catholics in Northern Ireland. Last week. Ken Maginnis, the

ing team at Stormont said yesterday that the meeting with Dr Brady was part of a consultative process with the leaders of the four churches in Northern Ireland. He said: 'We want to know what people are thinking, but also to communicate to them the difficulties we face."

Meanwhile, the Ulster Democratic Party announced

Test cricket TV rights

Continued from page I academy, then just take us off the listed events and allow us to negotiate for ourselves."

Asked if the Government would agree to Lord MacLaurin's demands to sell Test cricket to the highest bidder Mr Smith said that he did not want to pre-empt any decision which would have to be taken by Parliament

He disclosed that the Government was reconsidering all the eight sports Crown Jewels which have to be shown on end, home cricket Test matches and the Scottish FA factory was found in the Irish Cup Final and the Football Labour's reviewing the list is a U-turn: earlier this year it

opposed any moves to take items off the list and asked for others to be included. The BBC holds a £60m. contract to show 180 hours of Test cricket a year over four

years, but its contract expires next year. Sport is the most lucrative area for subscription channels. The satellite broadcaster BSkyB, for instance, has said it is ready to offer more than El billion for exclu-

Under the current contract, which is part owned by News International which also owns The Times. The BBC covers all

BSkyB shows the one-day internationals and other competitions such as the Benson and Hedges Cup and the climax to the county

championships. A BBC spokesman said: "Our concern is that the main sporting events are shown to the widest possible audience. This might not be the case under these conditions." Menzies Campbell, the

Liberal Democrat MP and a former Commonwealth record-holding sprinter, said:
"No one with any interest in
British sport will be able to understand why the Government proposes to exclude rugby, cricket and football, the sports in which Britain once led the world, but at which we are now sadly falling behind."

at the weekend that it would terrestial television, but resive European rights to the party security spokesman, de-bated on BBC television with fused to speculate on their sit down for talks with Sinn Olympic Games between 2000 and 2008. Fein on September 15. future. Those events are the Martin McGuinness of Sinn ☐ A 59-year old man was FA Cup Final, the Olympics, cricket coverage is shared between the BBC and BSkyB, being questioned by Gardai the Grand National, The Deryesterday after a massive bomb and mortar making Reg Empey. a member of the Ulster Unionist negotiatby, Wimbledon finals week-

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Queen urged to boycott Amritsar

India's Prime Minister wants the coming state visit to miss out the scene of the 1919 Sikhs massacre.

Christopher Thomas reports

THE Queen's state visit to India and Pakistan has been thrown into disarray after India's Prime Minister appealed for her to abandon a planned trip to the site of one of the worst massacres inflicted during British rule

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Buckingham Palace offici-I d als, who toured India lastmonth to make final preparations for the visit marking 50 years of the country's independence, had agreed in principle with their Indian hosts that the tour should include a visit to Amritsar, the holy city of the Sikhs, and its Golden Temple.

In 1919, Brigadier General Reginald Dyer ordered his men to open fire on a dense crowd of unarmed demonstrators in the city, killing 379 people and injuring more than 1.000. The incident was a milestone in India's quest for

Yesterday, Inder Kumar Gujral was quoted as saying that it would be better if the



Dyer: ordered the Amritsar massacre

Queen did not visit Amritsar at all. Palace and Foreign Office sources said they would be seeking clarification of the Prime Minister's remarks from the Indian Government.

The same sources said that, until now, the Indians had foreseen no difficulty in the Queen visiting one of the Minister's deman major cities of the Punjab, apology for the 191 which was long closed to as an irrelevance. tourists because of local up rest. They believe, however, Queen as a good friend of the that the Indians fear a political Sikhs." Dr Jagjit Singh protest during the state visit, "Chouhan, a member of the with Punjabis, including descendants of those shot during the massacre, demanding an apology from the Queen for the actions of a British officer

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soap opera, it has centred on

sex, money and betrayal. Yes-

terday a sprinkling of religion

was added to the saga sur-

rounding Dodi Fayed and Diana, Princess of Wales,

when it emerged that she had

asked to interrupt her holiday

sailing around the Greek

islands to meet the leader of

The Princess, who is taking

her third holiday in a month,

is said to have asked to meet Bartholomew I while he was

visiting the island of Chios in

the Aegean. However, if her

request was granted, it was

the Greek Orthodox church.

eign Office source said. "We will be seeking urgent darifi-cation. Obviously we do not want such an important state visit as this overshadowed by political protest."

In Amritsar, the bullet-holes from the slaughter of the Sikhs can still be seen in Jailianwala Bagh, a grubby little square of open ground surrounded by decrepit houses and a crum-bling wall. On April 13 in 1919, there was only one entrance to the square, which was crowded with people protesting against restrictions imposed on the city in response to earlier riots. Dyer, Amritsar's Marrial Law Commander, decided to end the illegal protest and teach the demonstrators a lesson. He ordered 50 soldiers to enter the square, stand either side of the only way out and open fire.

Dyer was reprimanded and asked to resign from the Army, although he kept his pension. Most of the British in India applanded his action and launched a collection for him, raising what was then the immense sum of £26,000, which enabled him to retire prematurely, but comfortably, in England. He maintained throughout his life that he had

done a "jolly good thing". The Buckingham Palace officials arranging the Queen's agenda are understood to have made it clear that she is not in the habit of making apologies for past actions, although she has been known to slip suitable sympathetic references into speeches. Indian officials were apparently quite happy that, with her visit, honour would be largely satisfied

Sikh temple presidents and lay community leaders in Brit-ain said yesterday that the Queen would have the support of British Sikhs if she chose to visit the Golden Temple. They accused the Indian Government of trying to undermine the Sikhs by preventing her visit, and dismissed the Prime Minister's demand for an apology for the 1919 massacre

We will welcome the Sikh nation's Panthic Committee said yesterday. "The Indian Prime Minister has no right to behave like this.

"India has never apologised for the 1984 Golden Temple massacre, yet six Indian prime an inquiry into their Amritsar

Princess adds religious

twist to an earthly tale

By Carol Midgley, media correspondent



The Queen casts a lingering look at the Royal Yacht Britannia after disembarking at Aberdeen yesterday for the last time. She then drove with other members of the Royal Family to Balmoral. Below, Peter and Zara Phillips and Princess Beatrice stand at the rail, ready to disembark.

Pictures by James Gray and Tim Graham



moted. British hands are cleaner than India's in Amritsar."

Gurbux Virk, editor of the Sikh newspaper Des Pardes, said the large Sikh community in Southall, west London, had been angered by Mr Guiral's comments. "We feel it is an honourable thing for the Sikhs

Amritsar," he said last night.
"The Indians do not want the Oueen to visit because they do not want us to have the honour." He said there was no need for a formal apology for 1919. "It is up to her if she wants to do that."

Joginder Singh Patara, president of the temple in Chapeltown, Leeds, said the

launched her lawsuit.

Oueen's visit was an opportunity that must not be allowed to pass. "I think it is a gesture of friendship," he said. "British Sikhs feel that here is a chance to strengthen the ties between our two communities.

In his newspaper interview, the Prime Minister said: "We have suggested as a government to the British that it

doesn't visit Amritsar, particubeen raised. It is a goodwill visit and we would not like to add anything historically that would cause hitterness."

would be much better if she

Palace officials have taken great pains to make sure that both India and Pakistan re-

with equal numbers of engagements of equal importance in each country.The Queen is expected to spend five days in each country. Some Sikhs, a martial race

with a keen sense of history. also want the Queen to address the question of ownership of the Koh-i-Noor, the

centrepiece of the Queen Mother's Crown The "mountain of light" was acquired 150 years ago after the Sikh empire was defeated by the British. Prakash Singh Badal. has demanded the diamond's return, saying it belongs to the



Kelly Fisher, left, who has said Dodi Fayed wanted

to keep both her and the Princess as his lovers

have received £200,000 for According to Ms Fisher. who is suing Mr Fayed for \$1 million for breach of contract, she was present on a yacht near to the one on which he and the Princess were photographed. She alleges that be shuttled between the two to keep both

Meanwhile Kelly Fisher the model who is alleging that she is the spurned fiancee of

IN THE finest traditions of Mr Fayed - continued to wreak her revenge. In a three-day deal with The Sun and the News of the World, she claimed that he planned to keep both herself and the Princess as lovers simultaneously. Ms Fisher is said to

women happy. Neither knew

what was happening.

Ms Fisher also claimed shemight be pregnant with the

millionaire playboy's child. When she discovered that he had been seeing the Princess. Ms Fisher claimed that Mr Fayed asked: "Can't we work this out?"

While the Princess would be publicly paraded as his partner, she would remain his secret sexual relationship". claimed the model, who described the suggestion as repugnant".

In another twist in the story it emerged yesterday that Mr Fayed has a double. The imposter has seduced women, offered roles in films to movie stars and run up debts while claiming to be the Harrods heir. Mohamed Sead, a merchant seaman, is reported to be serving a two-

☐ BBC chiefs yesterday de-nied that they had snubbed year prison sentence in Canada for impersonation. Mr Fayed received some Buckingham Palace by turnsupport yesterday: from his ing down a two-hour teleex-wife. In an interview pubby Prince Edward to celebrate the Queen's golden wedding lished in the Independent on Sunday, Suzanne Gregard alleged that Ms Fisher had anniversary on November 19. The corporation said it had its told her she had broken off the relationship with Mr Fayed two weeks before she own plans.

William Rees-Mogg, page 18

Fortunes of Danish monarchy take a dive

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

thought it had problems, it could take comfort vesterday from another royal scandal in which Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark was photographed diving naked into the family swimming pool.

The pictures, which leave little to the imagination and are spread over a Swedish tabloid, are accompanied by text saying that the Danish pop singer Maria Montell, 28. was also naked and waiting for him in the pool. The photographs have enraged the country's royal court and revived Danish press venom against Sweden.

Stockholm's Aftonbladet last Thursday showed photographs of Queen Margrethe's

eldest son, 29, the heir to the Danish throne, diving from a window of a castle in southwest France with the caption: What would Mummy say, Crown Prince Frederik?"

Denmark's biggest-selling tabloid. Ekstra Bladet, responded: "The mighty Swedish Aftonbladet newspaper has made a declaration of war against Denmark."

The Danish popular press tends to treat its Royal Family with respect, but the focus has intensified on Prince Frederik, a bachelor, since his younger brother, Prince Jo-achim, 28, married Alexandra Manley, a Hong Kong British citizen, in 1995. Montell and Prince Frederik "eloped" to Vietnam in May, sidestepping the paparazzi at Bangkok airport, when the Prince headed a trade mission to Thailand.

in the latest scandal. Danish newspapers published more sedate pictures of the couple in swimswear, shot by the same French photographer from outside the grounds of the Chateau de Caix, near Cahors, owned by the Prince's French-born father. Prince Henrik.

Even those pictures caused something of a stir in Den-mark, where publication of such pictures is rare. Although taking photographs of an offence under Danish law. the royal court would take no action, a palace official said.

"They said you'd been with someone else... I don't care... this is love."



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Trick or treat shows chimps know how to keep a secret Nigel Hawkes reports on findings of empathy in one of humanity's closest relatives



Chimps will keep their mouths shut about food

when companions are unaware of danger, then go out of their way to issue warnings. Their ability to show empathy has reinforced the view that chimps are closer to humans than they are to other

They can also realise that a companion is unaware of a nearby stash of food - and keep the secret to themselves. The new observations, described to the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, have not been seen in rhesus or Japanese macaque monkeys. Professor Sally

of the chimpanzees, while the other Boysen of Ohio State University

tested three pairs of chimpanzees in a colony at the university.

Two adult males, Kermit and Darrell, who have known each other for 18 years, produced the most clear-cut results, although two females and mixed pair followed the same pattern. The tests involved hiding either a treat - a few grapes - or a threat in such a

way that only one was aware of it.

The objects were hidden in the

next-door cage in full view of one

was kept away in a room near by. Professor Boysen wanted to establish whether the chimpanzee who knew the secret would realise that the other was unaware, and what he would then do. The test with the grapes produced no shared

"You wouldn't expect it to work with the food, since no chimpanzee going to willingly inform another about the presence of food that they themselves don't have access to" said Professor Boyson. For a threat, a researcher carrying a tranquilliser dart hid in the nextdoor cage. All the animals had experience of the darts and saw the researcher as a predator. This produced a very different result.

When Kermit was released into the cage where the researcher with the dart was hiding, Darrell become very agitated. He turned to Kermit with fear grimaces and alarm noises, while his hair stood on end all over his body. Kermit

then produced the same fear responses and left the cage, having effectively been tipped off that it was dangerous.

Professor Boysen said: "Based on what we believe about the emergence of these skills in humans, this suggests that Darrell, in a sense, put himself in Kermit's place. I think Darrell was aware that Kermit couldn't have known that the predator was there."

When the experiment was repeated in such a way that both

animals were aware of the poten-tial threat, neither reacted in such a striking way. They responded dramatically when the threat was present but only when the other animal in the pair was uninformed" she said.

This suggests that one chimp does recognise the different knowledge state in the other chimp. Darrell didn't know what the predator was going to do, so he had to make a prediction, a rapid assessment of the situation. He made the decision that there would be trouble if he didn't let Kermit

Cartoon sexism bugs women in search of heroes

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BUGS BUNNY is corrupting young American minds by reinforcing gender stereotypes, two psychologists complained at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association at the weekend.

In the interests of science, Cynthia Spicher and Dr Mary Hudak, from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. watched episodes from a range of cartoons shown regularly on American Saturday morning television. They concluded that there are four times as many male characters in the cartoon world as female ones. Worse still, the males were active and dominant. while the females were droopy and characterless.

"Male characters are powerful. strong, smart, aggressive and so on," Dr Hudak told the meeting in Chicago. "Occasionally there's a token female character, but she's like lime jelly - she's

The researchers categorised [18] cartoon characters from a single episode of the top eight cartoon shows: The Bugs Bunny/Tweety Show, Aladdin, Ninja Turtles, The Mask, Eek'stravaganza, Spiderman, Tick and Life with Louie. The characters were rated according to their sex, prominence. gender stereotyping, aggressive behaviours and occu-

pational roles.

much more likely to be in positions of authority - as policemen, guards, soldiers, pilots or bouncers. There were only two femaledominated occupations: nurses and telephone operators. Female characters sometimes appeared as doctors, scientists and police officers, but also popped up as housewives, princesses and bath-

ing beauties.

Male characters, by contrast, were space commanders, hunters, crimefighters and street rats. They were also at the centre of action, as aggressors, victims or both. Many were involved in arguments, "providing questionable images for young viewers". though the researchers accepted

6 Male characters are powerful and strong. Occasionally there's a token female, but she's like lime jelly - she's bland ?

that this, at least, reflected the real world. Had they studied British television, they would have lound that female characters have been outnumbered, outsmarted and only female in Bill and Ben is the non-assertive Little Weed; Marina rarely showed the same gallantry as her male colleagues in Stingray, and Mr Men tended to stick together. Lady Penelope was glamorous but sedate compared to the go-getting lads in Thunderbirds and Captain Scarlett did not leave much room for his angels. When confronted by sheep rustlers in A Close Shave, Gwendoline is left standing by the resourceful Grommit, a dog but then so too is his owner.

Women's occupational roles have changed in rather pronounced ways over the past three decades, yet a mere sprinkling of female characters were shown in non-traditional occupations and roles," the researchers said.

"Cartoons are one of the many cultural influences on the young, yet they can hardly be conceived to be trivial in their influence. Entertainment in all its forms is embedded in the larger cultural milieu. As such, it says something about what is valued and understood in the particular culture it comments on.

Cartoons, in their current state, are depicting significant differences in the status, behaviour, and capabilities of female and male characters. Thu toons tell cultural stories that become."

Thar's all, folks.



Bugs Bunny is strong and smart, but cartoon women are too often bland

Welsh told to • give up sex for equality

THE Equal Opportunities Commission has managed to de-sex the Welsh language.
The commission asked a leading linguist and academic

to report on avoiding sex discrimination in Welsh. which has nouns of masculine and feminine gender, with adjectives and pronouns varied to agree with them. Her recommendations are to become the basis of a set of guidelines for employers, pub-lic utilities and local authori-

The gender-ridden nature of the language has brought problems for employers and public bodies anxious to avoid infringing the Sex Discrimination Act of 1975 while observing the requirements of the Welsh Language Act 1993. They have to use Welsh in all public communications, but equally have to avoid anything that might be considered

Since even the Weish for manager (rheolur) implies that the person involved is a man, this can be very tricky indeed. A secretary (ysgrifenyddes) is always assumed to be female, and a coal

miner (glöwr) male. Now Dr Gwenllian Awbrey of the University of Wales, ution. She has shown how to avoid the pitfalls of the legislation by using the plural or both male and female forms in job adverts and other

Val Feld, director of the Equal Opportunity Commis-sion in Wales, said: "One simple way is to refer to someone as the successful candidate' rather than he or

The commission has been examining the impact of "gen-der specific" advertisements. finding that the language often complicates matters. For instance while a doctor (meddyg) in Weish can be other male or female, an athro is a male teacher while a female teacher is athrawes. Though meddyg refers to both men and women, it is always of masculine gender.

To get round secretarial discrimination, Dr Awbrey suggests advertising for staff ysgrifenyddol (secretarial staff) or a swydd ysgrifenyddol (secretarial post). An alternative, she suggests, is a neologism to denote a male secretary: ysgrifennydd. A gyrrwr (driver, male) could be partnered by a new female

or a control of the c allow reference to mixed groups of men and women without needing to specify

The grammar is on the whole sensitive to gender only in the singular," Dr Awbrey notes. The plural takes very little note of gender."

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Rural group says towns can supply new housing

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

VAST tracts of countryside are being needlessly used for housing because the availability of building sites in towns is being ignored, the Council for the Protection of Rural England claims today

Urban sites that unexpectedly fall vacant often supply more than half the land for new homes, but local authorities make little allowance for this in their development plans, the CPRE says in a re-

port published today. Tony Burton, the organisation's assistant director, said: "Because windfall sites cannot be certainly identified in advance, most local authorities assume no contribution total housing requirement or greatly underestimate it.

Not only are greenfield sites in the countryside unnecessarily allocated for new housing, but urban windfall sites are then used as well, so that local authorities often end up overshooting their own targets. Once a greenfield site has been allocated, it is difficult to reverse a planning decision."

Windfall sites become available when, for example, an industrial site is vacated. The CPRE argues that local authorities can make a reasonable guess at the future contribuhousing needs by keeping

accurate records. The report, commissioned by the CPRE from David Tyldesley and Associates, looked at the performance of 50 local authorities at county, district and metropolitan borough level. Only 24 of those surveyed kept substantive records of the contribution of urban windfall sites to housebuilding. Only 14 allowed for such sites in their development plans, and 11 of these hugely underestimated the actual supply of such land. Local authorities are ham-

Rayusford: green groups

tion of such land to their pered, the CPRE says, by a government rule prohibiting them from classifying as "windfall" any site larger than one hectare. Yet past trends show that up to 20 per cent of

the housing required by local plans comes from larger urban sites that fall vacant unexpectedly. The government attitude is dictated by a desire to maintain pressure on local authorities to find more land for housing, based on inflexible long-term projections that are likely to overestimate the real need". Mr Burton said.

The CPRE has been campaigning against government plans to build 4.4 million homes by 2016. The plans are based not on significant population growth but on trends suggesting that more people will be living on their own. Green groups are dismayed that the new Government sees no case for revising this projection and is declining to endorse the Tories pledge to build up to 75 per cent of the homes on reclaimed land in

Nick Raynsford, the Planning Minister, said last month. that it was not possible to find reclaimed sites to meet housing needs in the South of England, the area of biggest projected demand.

Three days that mean the world to old men

TWO 108-year-old men are fiercely contesting who is the oldest man in Britain. Last week the Guinness Book of Records handed the title to George Cook of Surrey after the death of Vinson Gulliver, 109.

However, David Henderson of Laurencekirk, Mearns, claims he is three days older than Mr Cook. Mr Henderson, who

still runs a 1,000-acre. farm, although he lives in a nursing home, has records that show he was born on June 14, 1889. Mr Cook was not born until June 17. . . .

"There are not many of us about looking for these records," Mr Henderson

A Guinness Book of said she was looking into the matter. "We are waiting to receive documents such as a birth certificate from Mr Henderson's family which prove his age before we can comment. The whole process will depend on the speed at which his family send the documents to us."

'Warhead' will target tumours

'nuclear missile", which can seek and destroy tumours with radiation, has been developed by scientists.

The weapon, devised by researchers at Nottingham University, is an antibody with a "warhead" in the form of a cancer-killing radioactive particle. Antibodies, part of the body's own defence system, are able to home in on tumours like a guided missile by locking on to a substance which occurs on the growth's surface. Radiotherapy can therefore be directed straight at a tumour, unlike a radiation beam, which also kills healthy

cells in its path. developed in the 1980s, but

have been too big and cumbersome. The Nottingham team, led by Dr Mike Price, has created a smaller, strippeddown version which is better at piercing a tumour's armour and moves round the body more quickly.

Dr Graeme Denton, one of the researchers, said: "This is a form of targeted radiotherapy. We are using these antibody fragments to take lethal short-range beta radiation directly to cancer cells. We needed to create a lightweight, speedier carrier. This smaller 'missile' will be able to penetrate even better, taking its radioactive weaponry to the

heart of the tumour. The team believes the miniantibody will not only hit primary targets, but also secondary cancers which develop in later stages of the disease. A special camera can be used to track the 'missiles' as they home in.

Dr Denton added: "This technique could be used on quite a number of cancers. such as breast, ovarian and bladder."

The treatment news of which is reported in the British Journal of Cancer, will have to go through extensive trials before doctors can consider using it on patients. ☐ A laptop computer containing a year's work by Professor David Newell, a leading cancer research scientist, has been stolen from his car outside a

garden centre at Bolors, Hampshire. The professor leads a group of scientists at. the North of England Canon Research Campaign, based at Newcastle University: 210 Was researching new cancel



THE TIMES MONDAY AUGUST 18 1997 a secre Polish A-level student begs for Oxford cash

Secretary that the secretary that the A PENNILESS Polish student who gained five As in A levels and the who gained five As in A levels in third language is appealing that for financial help so that she didn't can take up a place at Oxford for financial help so use such a place at Oxford Product University

Paulina Wojtowska, 18, who

started learning English five years ago, won an international bursary to shirtly for her A levels at Milifield School, Somerset. The boarding school, which is one of the most most expensive schools most most expensive schools in Britain, with airmal fees of 115,000, describes here as the best linguist they have ever

Qualibre had.

Despite her spectacular success, she has so far failed to find further funds to real Japanese at Pembroke Coliege, Oxford, so she can realise her ambition to become a diplomat

Paulina's father, a boilder in the industrial southeastern Polish town of Rzeszow, cannot afford the £9,300 tuition charges for overseas students at Oxford, combined with £3,000 college fees and around £3,000 living costs.

Speaking from her parents'

flat near the Polish border with Russia yesterday, Miss Wojtowska said: "I would love to go to Oxford. But £15,000 a year is not something I can afford. I have been trying to get funding in Poland as well but it is really difficult, Basi-cally, the Polish Government cannot afford anything like it." Miss Woitowska was overjoyed to hear about her top

grades in economics, general

Miss Wojtowska, from Millfield School, wants to study Japanese at Pembroke College, Oxford, below



studies. French, mathematics and further mathematics, and is waiting to learn on Thursday how she fared in Russian

She added: "I want to study Japanese because I love it and there is hardly anywhere to study it in Poland. I thought it would be really useful in my career because I hope to be a diplomat for Poland. Roger Adams, tutor in charge of university entries at Millfield, is leading an appeal to raise funds for Paulina. But his contacts with Japanese companies and the British Council in Poland have so far met with no success.

"She is certainly one of the finest scholars I have known in 25 years in the job," said Mr Adams, "She is absolutely outstanding; probably one of the finest brains we have had

this college." Wojtowska missed out on a Dulverton Scholarship, which is a bursary available from Oxford itself to help students from central and eastern

Beverley Potts, international officer at Oxford University. said: "It is very disappointing when someone from eastern Europe gets the grades to come here and cannot make it. but sometimes they cannot and it is getting quite close to the start of term for this

A Slovak-born student, Andrei Machacek, is heading for Balliol College, Oxford, after scoring six As and a B in his A levels at Forest School, near Snaresbrook, East London. He achieved As in biology, chemistry, further mathematics, general studies, German, and mathematics, with a B in government and politics. ☐ A Nigerian-born teenager from Sheffield has achieved A grades in seven A levels. Chika Uzoigwe, 18, from the independent Birkdale School. is planning to read medicine at Cambridge after gaining As in mathematics, chemistry. biology, French, general studies, physics and further mathematics.

He said: "I enjoy all the studying. I'm just happy for everyone who got the passes they needed." A school spokesman said: "Chika is extremely able and worked very hard. We are very proud of him"



Paulina Wojtowska, from Rzeszow, started learning English only five years ago

Catholics criticise Anglican over gay clergy

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE Catholic Church in Scotland last night criticised an Anglican bishop who wants homosexual clergy to be ordained and gay marriages recognised.

An appeal for the Anglican Church to consider such proposals is made in a new book by the Right Rev Richard Holloway. Bishop of Edin-burgh and head of the Scottish Episcopal Church, due to be published on September I.

A spokesman for the Catholic Church in Scotland said: "We feel that Bishop Holloway unfortunately succeeds in promoting the caricature that Christianity is only interested in sexuality ... There are other and more important parts of life which could be looked at more fruitfully.

Although the Scottish Episcopal Church plays no formal role in Church of England matters, it is a fellow church within the Anglican Communion and its bishops take part in the 1998 Lambeth conference of Anglican bishops.

The Church of England's official line, set out in 1987, is that homosexual acts fall short of the Christian ideal and require repentance.

However, in his book. Dancing on the Edge, Bishop Holloway calls for the Church to remove itself from the field as arbiter of the conduct of responsible adults".

In extracts serialised in the Scotland on Sunday newspaper, he says that couples who live together should be treated equally by the Church with those who are married. that gay couples should be recognised with options of marriage, registered partnerships and rights for conabitees, and that paedophilia is one of the most "tragic and intractable of human conditions" and that paedophiles can sublimate their urges into creative work

with young people. Bishop Holloway writes: "It is right to want to protect the lives of the vulnerable from exploitation, but it Ithe Church ought to remove itself from the field as arbiter of the conduct of responsible

How Tommy the tortoise rose from a shallow grave

By MARK HENDERSON

IT WAS a warm evening in the garden. Eileen Cattell was watering her hanging baskets when she noticed a movement in the earth near her feet. Out from the soil rose the

head and front legs of the family's pet tortoise, buried the previous day after an apparent drown; ing. Mrs Cattell, of Hullbridge, near Southend, said: "It was like something out of a

horror film. I just screamed." Yesterday the pet. Tommy. was recovering with little more than pneumonia after surviving a series of events that might challenge a more active animar 20 hours in the bottom of the garden pond, followed by 30 hours of being buried alive. The ability to go into temporary hibernation saved its life. Mrs Cattell's husband Martin, a self-employed builder,

adopted Tommy 23 years ago

when he found it in his parents' garden. He noticed his pet had disappeared last Sunday afternoon. At first he thought it had sought out some shade from the hot temperatures, but began to worry when it failed to come to the back door for its

breakfast of lettuce and vegetable peelings on Monday morning. After a two-hour search, Mr -Cattell used a net to trawl the bottom of the garden pond where he keeps Kol Carp, and was devastated to pull up the limp body of the totoise. It was thought to have fallen from a lily pad. "I iust assumed he was

dead," he said. "His four legs and his head were hanging limply out of his shell while his eyes were open and just staring. He didn't move a muscle so I left him on the lawn for half an hour to see if anything would happen. He did not stir, so I buried him." Mr Cattell dug a shallow

grave because the soil had been

baked hard by the heat. The following evening, Mrs Cattell was watering her plants when Tommy rose again. She said: "Out of the corner of my eye I saw the earth move and Tommy's leg came out of the ground,"

Tommy's vet, Ian Jobson. said that tortoises were known to be able to survive long periods underwater: "Like other coldblooded reptiles, they are able to quickly their bodies down in emergencies and switch from

aerobic metabolism to anaerobic metabolism where they can survive without oxygen. It is a form of hibernation which they do naturally every winter."

Robert Waller, chairman of the National Tortoise Club of Great Britain, said Tommy's feat was a record-breaker: "I have heard of several cases where tortoises have survived in garden ponds, but the longest I have heard of one being under water is eight or nine hours."

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When art and industry shared the same frame

John Russell Taylor advises lovers of Victorian art

to head for the industrial heartlands of the North

WITH the present level of interest in Victorian art, no major public gallery with any claims to comprehensiveness can afford to be without at least a few high points of 19thcentury British painting, But the best collections were put together by Victorians acquiring what was, for them, sometimes dangerously modern

The great period for building museums and galleries in the regions was the second half of Victoria's long reign, and very often the building was largely funded by these selfsame collectors -- especially industrialists who had acquired a taste for culture. All over England (Scottish benefactors had rather different priorities), spectacular assemblies of Victorian art are to be seen in spectacular Victorian buildings.

While not forgetting London's pride, the Tate Gallery, the discriminating Victoriana-fancier would do well to bend his steps northward. A sensible place to start any such pilgrimage is Merseyside, since thereabouts are two of the unmissable shrines: the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool and the Lady Lever Art Gallery in Port Sunlight.

The Walker, inaugurated in 1877, offers a bold classical façade to the world but, within, the art is as much crabbed and gothic as Olympian in the Lord Leighton fashion, clothing Ancient Greek mythology in splendidly Victorian raiment. Its medievalising Pre-Raphaelites include Ford Madox Brown's The Coat of Many Colours and Rosetti's huge Dante's Dream. There are also two of the most famous Victorian story-paintings, Yeames's And When Did You Last See Your Father? and Poynter's Faithful Unto

Although the Lady Lever Art Gallery, in a frilly classical style, was not opened



until 1922, its contents are primarily Victorian: the masterpieces include Holman Hunt's The Scapegoat and May Morning on Magdalen Tower, Millais's Sir Isumbras Crossing the Ford, and Leighton's luscious The Garden of the Hesperides.

Not so far away, in the opposite direction, is Manchester City Art Gallery. The grim, smoke-stained classical building conveys immediately a stern sense of purpose. Inside, it has been returned to its original, long-unfashionable polychromatic self. The gallery owns a wide range of Victorian painting, from every conceivable group and school. but the best known works are Madox Brown's complex Hampstead allegory Work, Millais's Autumn Leaves and Holman Hunt's The Hireling Shepherd.

From here you could strike north to Newcastle-upon-Tyne, or south to Birmingham. The Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle, looking from most angles more like a set of Victorian business chambers than a city museum, is in many respects a

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more truly regional museum than the others. Here, one hardly needs reminding that John Martin, supreme conjurer-up of gigantic biblical disasters, was a local boy: or that William Bell Scott taught and murals painted Vorthumbria.

Birmingham City Museum

and Art Gallery is one of those slightly odd Victorian assemblages in which originally. the Pre-Raphaelites were likely to have been tucked away somewhere beyond the stuffed animals. Now the paintings are rightly regarded as the jewel in the crown. Here, Burne-Jones is the local hero, and the number and quality of his works are truly amazing. Accompanying him are more world-famous Victorian paintings than you could shake a stick at some by famous artists, such as Millais's The Blind Girl and Ford Madox Brown's The Last of England, but others more obscure, such as Arthur Hughes with The Long

A deep southwards swoop would will finish your tour on a high note, with the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum in Bournemouth. This is smaller and more quirky than the others. It occupies a clifftop villa built at the height of late-Victorian eclecticism for the collector Sir Merton Russell-Cotes. A pity, perhaps, that he went in so much for the slightly second-rate painters of his time, such as Edwin Long and Landseer, but there is always Frith's wonderfully detailed Ramsgate Sands as a

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shines in several museums, including The Lady Lever Art Gallery. Port Sunlight

The shock of the new as rebels reject old order

WHEN Queen Victoria came to the throne in June 1837. Constable had been dead a couple of months, but Turner still had 14 years of work ahead of hun. When Victoria was succeeded by Edward VII in January 1901. Leighton and Millais had been dead five years, having progressed from dangerous outsiders to being, in rapid succession, Presidents of the

Royal Academy.

Sixty-four years is a long time in anyone's life, and in art it affords time for half a dozen revolutions. But not. surely, in the Victorian era, which we tend to see as solid and reliable? Actually. for most of the reign, it was none of those things. Although Victoria, through her long widowhood, be-came a national icon and reemerged as a much-loved institution, we should not forget that her early years were alive with assassina tion threats and attempts at

republican uprising. In the same way, if art were to survive. It would bave to allow the old to be replaced by the new. Turner, by any standard the most istinguished British painter active in the 1840s, was an ambiguous ally. He was immensely famous and exhibited regularly at the Academy, but people thought he was a little mad. and his later works, tending more and more to abstraction, were not understood.

understood. He rapidly became the favourite of Victoria, taught her how to draw and paint, then proceeded very profitably to travel the country painting monarchs of the glen and bloodthirsty scenes of the chase. But his dogs were cuddly and cute, and every one loved him.

Prince Albert encouraged the painting of historical the Palace of Westminster,

arts. He liked the crisp outlines and muted colours of the Nazarenes, subsequently labelled German Pre-Raphaelites.

Of course, they could hardly be called that until the real, original Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood had been formed and recognised. The grouping of earnest young rebels took place in 1848. with the encouragement of John Ruskin, who became the guru of Victorian art. The most important members were Dante Gabriel Rossetti, John Millais and William Holman Munt. They were genuine revolutionaries, vowed to overthrowing arid academicism in the name of minute fidelity to the fact. Their art turned out to be something quite different, passing through super-realism to surrealism by the sheer mad intensity of its gaze.

Other threats to orthodoxy were coming from abroad. Ruskin and Burne Jones became involved in a legal battle with the American Whistler. Ruskin accused him of throwing a pot of paint at the canvas, what he was describing was the British beginnings of Im-



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Setting a pattern for the future

The natural designs of William Morris seem timeless, says Alan Hamilton

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forms, but by comparison with what went before they are private house in Britain WHEN, in 1887, Theodore Mander, a wealthy Wolver-

hampton paint manufacturer, built himself a new and luxurious home on the attractive Shropshire edge of the town, he demanded nothing but the best, the most fashionable and the most up-to-date in wallpa-per and fabrics.

The job went to William Morris, and today Wightwick Manor displays probably the best collection in the country of the work of a designer that remains fresh, timeless and still in demand.

Yet all is not what it seems Since the National Trust took over Wightwick in 1937, it has continuously added to Mander's original collection of fabrics and wallhangings, and occasionally replaced those that have become worn. Mor ris's Leicester wallpaper in the morning room is in fact Sandersons, c.1943; the bright nursery curtains are Habitat, 1988: and the red acanthus curtains in the drawing room are by John Lewis, 1994.

There is nothing wrong in this. It is merely proof that Morris designs, now long out of copyright, live on and are still hugely popular. Sandersons, which inherited the original wallpaper printing blocks when the firm of Morris and Co finally closed in 1939, has even occasionally hand-printed original paper. Monty Smith, the Trust's manager at Wightwick, explains the enduring Morris appeal. "His designs were a great reaction against the over-fussiness of the earlier Victorian period.

They are based on natural



William Morris: his

look right suspended from almost abstract, and therefore fit in with almost any period." Wightwick is proof. The house itself is of medieval

but the Morris material sits perfectly well in it: The 17th-century chairs look as though they were meant for his fabrics, which cover them. The Morris carpets look at home on the woodblock floors and even his light fittings --

design, including a great hall,

among the earliest in any

of tiles by William de Morgan. Morris was an early social-ist, yet the products of his company were affordable only by the middle classes. He

complained once that he had spent his life "ministering to the swinish huxury of the rich":

His furnishings for the

manor are complemented by an expelient collection of preornate mock-medieval ceil Raphaelite paintings and drawings. They look terrific against that wallpaper.

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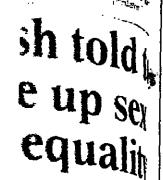
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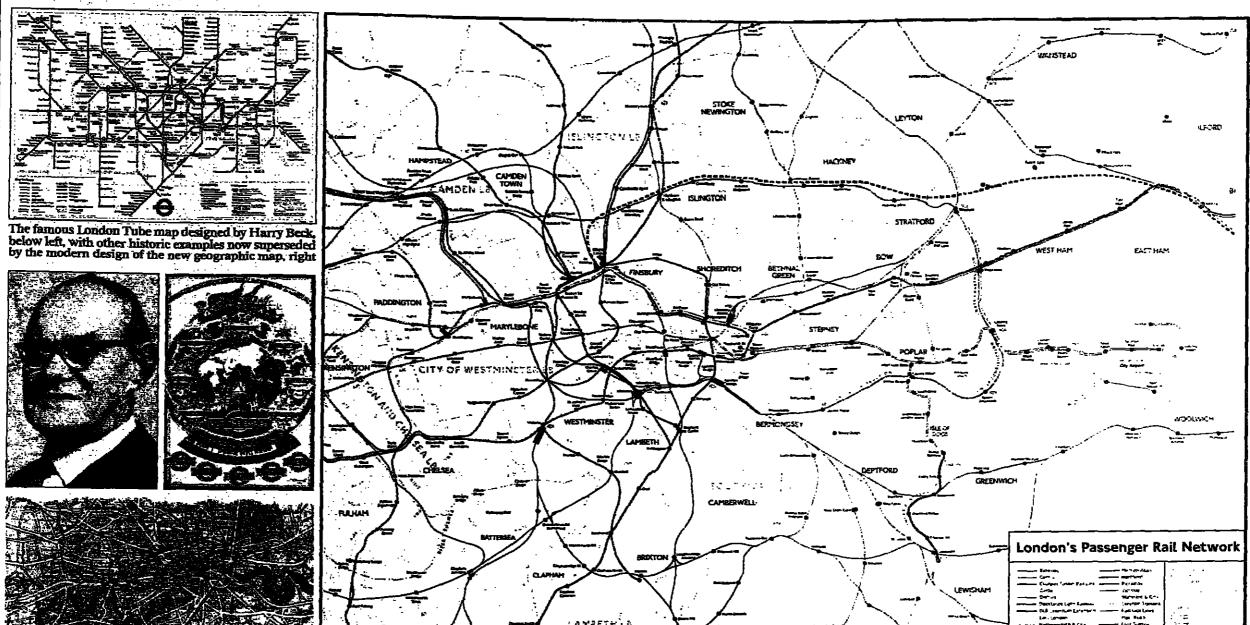
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Capital idea to put tourists on the map





A new concept could save visitors' plans from vanishing down the Tube, reports Arthur Leathley. It's called reality

ONE of the great-tourist experi-ences of London may be about to Tube map that is geographically change forever. A new map has been designed to try to stop visitors getting hopelessly lost on the Tube.

Life in the capital might never be the same again, for residents or for large numbers of backpackers who block carriages while seemingly orbiting the Circle Line in perpetuity. Travellers' tales of heroic explorations between, say, Bond Street and Tower Hill, will become less anguished, because

someone has actually designed a accurate, showing how the lines relate to the city streets above.

The standard, diagrammatic Tube map, created by Harry Beck in 1933, is fine for residents who are familiar with the city's layout, but daunting to novice travellers who are under the misapprehension that it bears close relation to the true layout and distances. This leads to problems for any luggageladen visitor who thinks a gentle

stroll might be a quicker way of travelling the single stop from King's Cross to Highbury and Islington, or from Baker Street to St John's Wood.

The new geographic map shows how Tube and local railway lines really thread through the capital. It will be issued in addition to the Beck map. Jon Willis, London Transport's head of strategy and planning, said they had been inundated with requests for copies of the geographic maps, originally

produced for those in the planning or transport sectors.

"People find them absolutely fascinating, so we decided to try a print run and see how it goes, said Mr Willis. He swears by the conventional map as the simplest way of checking connections, but he acknowledges that first-time visitors can be baffled by trying to reconcile it with an A-Z street

The new idea was welcomed at the weekend by some of the footsore wanderers in London. Barbara Wharram, from Tanzania, said: "It's straightforward and helps to put things in perspective. The old map is very clear but it sometimes is difficult to relate stations to real

The new map is the latest successor to intricate illustrations that once depicted the most convenient Underground stations for visiting the theatre, museums or the winter sales.

Some of the most colourful Underground Company would

became highly prized worldwide, especially those created by the cartographer Macdonald Gill. His 1915 depiction of theatreland is one of the early scaled Tube maps of the West End. decorated with motifs from the world of theatre.

Gill's incredibly detailed "Peter Pan Map of Kensington Gardens" published in 1923, contains a host scenes depicting Tinkerbell, Wendy and Captain Hook, with the soothing words: "The London

simply love to hear that by losing your train you did also lose your heart upon studying their Peter Pan Map of Kensington Gar-

Another decorative poster, by Ernest M Dinkel in 1933, depicts The Wealth, Romance and Beauty of the Empire", and features scenes from Malaya, South Africa, Burma and the East Indies, alongside Tube stations convenient for visiting museums and institutions relating to the British Empire.

London hosts Olympiad of mind games

By RORY CARROLL

MORE than 2,000 competi- Mensa. The Decamentathlon tors, including draughts players from Mongolia and a Scrabble team from Kenya, will be in London this week for the first Mind Sports Olympi-ad. Medals will be at stake in 36 tests of mental agility.

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The usual Olympic rituals of drug tests, false starts and agonising injuries are not expected during the events. not all of which will be familiar to Britons. Alongside

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chess, backgammon, bridge, speed-reading and jigsaw puzzles will be skat, a German card game, and fanorona, an ancient draughts-style game

from Madagascar. Dominic O'Brien, the world memory champion who can recall a shuffled pack of cards in 38.2 seconds, is hoping to take gold in the memory skills race, and the first world IQ champion will be crowned in a

will test all-round mental skills in bridge, chess, creative thinking, memory, draughts, Go, IQ, Mastermind, mental calculations and Othello.

Gold, silver and bronze

medals will be at stake, as well

as a £100,000 prize fund and several Concorde tickets. Organisers of the event, sup-ported by The Times and held at the Royal Festival Hall from today, hope to launch an annual competition to cele-brate not just the achievements of the champions but to encourage mental agility. They claim that, contrary to popular belief, brain cells do not wither with age. "Far from dying off, the synaptic connections can be physically im-proved by the proper exercise of the brain," a spokeswoman

Playing sessions run for four hours, from 10am to 2pm or 4pm to 8pm, with entry fees from £5 to £25. Virtual games can be played by accessing an Internet site (http://www. mindsports.co.uk/}.

Prisoners to grow plants for butterflies

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

to take part in a project to increase the butterfly popula-tion. Inmates are to be encouraged to grow certain garden plants to attract local butterflies and boost the population of rarer breeds.

Bilberry, gorse and rock rose are recommended for Channings Wood jail in Devon, to increase the population of the Green Hairstreak butterfly. The project's organiser, Jill, Duchess of Hamilton, said that other foodplants, such as native grasses, would be less aesthetically pleasing. Dahlia and aubretia plants

are suggested for Frankland jail in Co Durham to provide food and nectar for the Painted Lady butterfly; garlic mustard and lavender for the Green-Veined White butterfly; and wild strawberry and bramble

for the Grizzled Skipper. The Prison Service has welcomed the plan by a horticul-tural charity, Flora for Fauna, to involve prison staff and inmates in a pilot project of butterfly gardening. Seven

HUNDREDS of prisoners are jails have been selected by the charity for the scheme, which could lead to prisons selling

> vice-president of Butterfly Conservation, said yesterday: There are excellent horticultural units in prisons, and growing plants to attract butterflies would provide an in-terest for offenders. Many prisoners have wonderful farms, nurseries and gardens so they are ideal places to to grow the special plants needed in each area for butterflies".

country just by growing the right plants in jail gardens. Other establishments cho-

sen for the project include the young offender institutions at Feltham in Middlesex and Guys Marsh in Dorset, and Ford open prison in Sussex.

butterfly plants.

Jill, Duchess of Hamilton,

She said that the lack of foodplants meant that few butterflies now bred in gardens, though many passed through in search of nectar. Prisoners could make a significant difference to the butterflies most likely to visit this

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Coping with precocious puberty

A BOY aged 11 is to become Britain's youngest acknowl-edged father, when his 15year-old girlfriend gives birth next January, according to a

ger umol. Sunday newspaper.
There have probably been similar, unreported cases. Puberty at any age after ten in a boy, or eight in a girl, is consi-

dered physiologically normal. True precocious puberty is many times more common in girls than boys. Despite the incongruity of a boy of seven having a moustache, a beard, adolescent acne and enlarg-ing genitalia, no specific cause is detected in four out of ten boys with precocious puberty despite extensive investigations with X-rays, MRI scanning and biochemical blood tests. Equally, no identifiable cause for early adolescence is detected in eight out of ten girls between the ages



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

fully developed ovarian cycle. premature breast enlargement, and body hair.

Any boy under ten, or girl under eight, who shows obvious signs of adolescence needs examination so as to exclude tumours of the central nervous system, liver and genital tract, which can cause precocious puberty.

Doctors divide precocious puberty into two types. In true precocious puberty, sperm are produced which are capable

of six and eight who have a of fertilising, or ova which fully developed ovarian cycle, may be fertilised. Conversely, in precocious pubarche in girls or adrenarche in boys, the secondary sexual characteristics of adolescence are present but the genital tract has not matured prematurely.

As well as it being embarrassing for a child to have signs of maturity such as a beard, precocious puberty damages the patient's physical and mental development. The long bones stop growing early and the bony epiphyses.

the points in the bones where growth takes place, close early, so that the child who has been unusually tail at the age of 11 or 12 ends by being stunted in adult life.

A child with precocious puberty also shows the discordant behaviour patterns associated with adolescence. Advances in the understanding of chemical patholo-

gy allow doctors to correct

most cases of true precocious puberty if the abnormality is hormonal. This allows the child to have a normal youth and to grow to full height. Where a tumour is responsible, surgery may often correct the condition; this particularly applies to ovarian tumours. When a turnour has produced precocious puberty in boys the outlook is less happy as many of these growths are

Hungerford remembers in silence



Town where 16 died in massacre

ten years ago has rejected any

commemoration service to mark the tragedy, reports Adrian Lee

THE tenth anniversary of the Hungerford massacre will pass quietly tomorrow with no memorial service in the Berkshire market town where Michael Ryan shot dead 16

people.
The overwhelming wish of the community, including relatives of the victims, was that nothing should be done to commemorate Ryan's killing spree on August 19, 1987, civic leaders said. A dedication service was held last month at the brick memorial bearing the names of the dead.

To keep the occasion private, there was no announce-



dead 16 people

governors, town councillors, police and voluntary groups agonised for several weeks before it was decided that nothing should be done.

Ron Tarry, mayor of Hungerford at the time of the shootings, said: "Some people have said they wished there was a memorial service on the 19th. I have spoken informally to six or seven relatives and two wanted a service.

"I know that many of the relatives would not have attended. They do not want to be exposed again.

We were in a very difficult position — nothing would have looked worse then just a few people turning up. We can remember the tragedy without any formal service."

The present mayor, Paul Cable, said: "There was a fairly extensive debate. But it was felt that because there has been no requirement to mark previous anniversaries. why should the tenth year be any more significant?"

The Rev Andrew Sawyer. vicar of St Lawrence's church. where funeral services for some of the victims were held. said he respected the wishes of the community. He plans to say a few words on Sunday in memory of the dead as part of his normal service. "We feel it is best not to open up old

Nothing would please the





than the anniversary to slip by without a film crew or iournalist. Ten years ago, the media swamped the town and the intrusion has not been forgotten. At the recent dedication service, several relatives left when a photographer arrived.

ITN said yesterday that it had no plans to send a team to Hungerford. "The people of Hungerford are not marking

Mr Tarry, Mr Cable and the should not," said a spokespolice will make a statement. The hope is that relatives of woman. The BBC is screening a documentary about the the dead and injured will not massacre tomorrow evening. A BBC spokeswoman said: be bothered.

"We are likely to attend the press conference but, out of respect to the wishes of families, we won't be doing anything else."

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be no big fuss and any thought I have will be in Fiona Pask, who knew

house ten years ago to see Liz Brereton, whose husband Roger, a police officer, bodies in the street, remembers the crowds who flocked was among Ryan's victims. said: "I will not be doing to Hungerford afterwards. anything to mark the day and "It was awful. You never forget something like that but neither will my sons. Roger is in my thoughts but I will be you try to push it to the back of your mind. I certainly trying to get through the day

way. I might have a quiet five minutes to myself, or the day realising it. I just don't know." Ryan and walked from her

There are dissenters. Kay Wainwright, whose father was killed and mother wounded, said: "Life goes on, but the tragedy should be marked in a way agreed by the relatives. Hungerford just wants to be seen as a pretty

people are ashamed of what happened but they can't turn back-the clock by refusing to admit it happened."

Mr Cable denies that is the aim and is anxious to avoid arry perceived divisions among the population of 5,000. "It was a community" decision. The tragedy is part of our history, something we can't hide from: But there is more to Hungerford than



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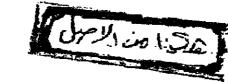
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nce Turtle survival atloggerheads with lager louts on Greek beach

Bright lights and rowdy British tourists are threatening nesting sites, report James Pettifer and John Carr

AN INVASION of rowdy Brit-lay their eggs in the water, ish tourists is threatening to destroy one of the last refuges of the rare loggerhead turtle.

Stretches of beach on the
Greek island of Zakinthos, where the endangered species. has one of its rare nesting grounds, have become the playgrounds of more than 300,000 package holidaymak-ers, most of them from

Piles of beer bottles, plastic chairs and other detritus from the bars, discos and tavernas now choke the shores where turtles have congregated for thousands of years to lay their eggs. The soft eggs, buried beneath the sand, are frequently pierced by beach umbrellas, and speedboat propellers kill the pregnant

Volunteers described the spectacle of a heavily pregnant turtle trying to fight its way through beach chairs and other debris at night to lay her eggs. Many others, terrified the noise from the beaches, where they cannot batch. The eggs that survive face

another hazard: for thousands of years the hatchlings were guided to the sea by moon-light, now bar and hotel lights mislead them. Instead of crawling towards the sea, they head for the lights and perish

Greece is host to the last concentration of loggerhead nesting sites in the Mediterranean. Laganos, in south Zakinthos, with its five kilometres of wide, sandy beaches, is the most important. Greek and international conservationists are calling for the establishment of a marine park to save Laganas colony, where the number of nests has fallen from an average of 1,300 a year to about 500.

Lily Venizelos, president of the Mediterranean Association to Save Sea Turtles, said yesterday: Tourism has beuncontrollable. The problem is the sheer numbers. Many of the British holiday-

> officials and business people. According to Mrs Venizelos, two makeshift fast-food canteens were recently given permission to set up on a beach in obvious violation of the law. Repeated protests had scant effect. "For the three weeks I was there, the canteens switched off their lights late at night," she said, "but I have no doubt they switched them on again when I left. Nobody of any influence on the island

Thomson Holidays denied

makers drink a lot and, when

there is a full moon, they go

down to the beaches to swim

"Local boatowners do not

help the problem. They hire

out boats to show the people

the turtles and frighten them

off. The problem could be

eased if tour operators did the

right job of explaining what damage is being done."

Zakinthos habitat, which have

existed since 1984, conserva-

tionists are not allowed to rope

off nesting sites, or put up signs. Jill Jeffries, a member of

a turtle-protection task force,

said: "People are willing to co-

operate, but they don't have

Corruption is a big problem

and many protection laws appear to be flouted with

impunity. An Athens lawyer,

who was born on Zakinthos,

claims to have a thick file of

evidence showing that up to

£2 million in privately raised

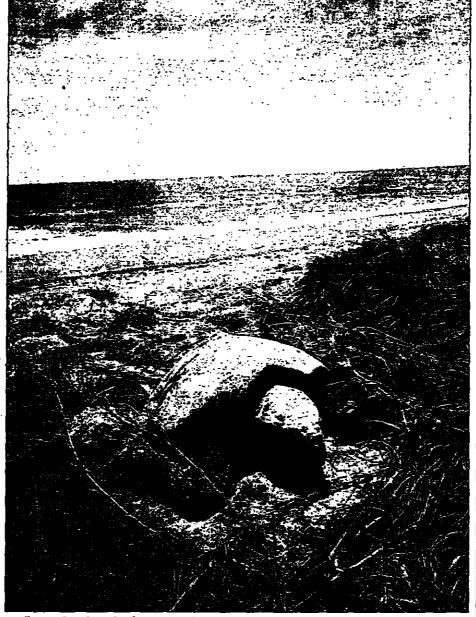
funds supposedly destined for

ecological organisations found its way into the pockets of local

enough information.

Despite laws protecting the

and make a lot of noise



Loggerhead turtles have nested at Laganas, now a tourist resort, for centuries

that it ignored the plight of the turtles, and said that four reps Cars kill millions told holidaymakers about the colony when they arrived at their hotels. A Thomson spokeswoman said: "We ask of birds on roads people to exercise self-control and give the turtles space and

TEN MILLION birds are killed on the roads each year and the annual death toll is rising. the British Trust for Ornithol-

ogy said. head turtle is one of seven Owls are particularly vulspecies of marine turtles, all of nerable, as they cannot escape which are under threat of extinction. Females normally cars being driven at speed. A Trust spokesman said: "Cars come ashore at night and bury their eggs in a cylindrical chamber above the high-water travelling at 50 mph are going faster than birds' natural mark. The incubation period predators. Drivers should slow down and flash their is up to 70 days and as few as one in 1,000 hatchlings reach lights at birds in the road." About 50,000 badgers are

to statistics from the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Other creatures frequently killed or injured by vehicles include hedgehogs, rabbits, hares, foxes and deer.

Drivers must check whether it is safe to take action to avoid an animal in the road before doing so, the AA said. The risk is of swerving into incoming traffic or braking hard and one's vehicle being hit from behind, a spokesman said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Teach young to avoid drugs, says Leah's father

Paul Betts, whose teenage daughter. Leah, died after taking Eestasy in 1995. called for compulsory lessons in primary schools on the dangers of drugs. Mr Betts, right, of Latchingdon, Essex who has applied to be the Government's "drugs tsar", said: "Onite a lot of primary school kids are now the offspring of today's modern drug users." His call was rejected by Paul Flynn, a Labour MP, who said that a similar idea had failed in America.



Royal Ordnance under fire

The Royal Ordnance, manufacturer of ammunition and heavy weapons, is lobbying Parliament about the difficulty of competing with overseas bidders subsidised by governments. It says that two major new contracts are vital if hundreds of jobs are to be saved and Britain is to retain is capability to produce ammunition. The firm is lobbying the MPs of constituencies with an ordnance plant.

Kept in the dark

Council workmen ripped out five old lampposts for replacement in Church Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, just a week after another team had repainted them. Among the road's irritated residents is Bill Dodds, vice-chairman of the city's highways committee. He said: "It was a breakdown in communication." He estimates that £270 of public money was wasted.

Man crushed at tug-of-war

A man died when he was crushed under the wheels of a lorry being used in a tug-of-war contest. Graham Hamiett, 57, of Farcet, Cambridgeshire, stumbled as a pub team competed against the lorry. Police said: "The articulated lorry tractor unit was being pulled with a rope when a man was somehow run over by the wheels." Environmental health officials have begun an investigation.

Land-speed record attempt

Colin Fallows. 47, an engineer from Hartwell. Northamptonshire, hopes to break the British land-speed record tomorrow on a runway at Elvington, North Yorkshire. The 259mph record was set by Richard Noble in 1980. Mr Fallows set an unofficial record last year when he averaged 266mph in a Vampire dragster powered by a jet engine from a Red Arrows Gnat trainer aeroplane.

Golfer's full-toss feat

A golfer hit his first hole-in-one with a shot that went in fulltoss. The golf magazine Fore! said such shots comprised only I per cent of all holes-in-one. Martin Walton. 45, hit the shot on a 170-yard par three at the Pike Fold club in

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Warlord plots Taleban's downfall

THE Afghan guerrilla chieftain. Ahmed Shah Masood. who has orchestrated the anti-Taleban alliance, first went into battle against the Russian Army when he was 26 years

As the first Soviet tanks rumbled down the Salang Highway into Kabul on Box-ing Day 1979. General Masood slipped into the hills of his native Panjshir Valley to launch a jihad against the

Backed by a growing band of Mujahidin fighters. General Masood fought off five Soviet campaigns to break him. All failed. Moscow threw 115,000 men against him without a hope of success. Rusting hulks of Soviet tanks are still dotted all over the Panishir a lasting reminder of Mos-

cow's folly. The son of an Afghan Army officer. General Masood studied engineering at Kabul University where he met many of the characters who were to become key figures in Alghanistan's tragedy.

There he was also exposed to the competing ideologies of Islamic nationalism and Soviet communism that would launch the country's darkest age of bloodshed and waste.

General Masood, who halted Russia, is now thwarting the mullahs, Michael Dynes reports from the Panishir Valley

married with five children. General Masood is revered by his fighters as a sort of Robin Hood of the Hindu Kush. He sleeps little. When he is not touring the front or cajoling his commanders, he reads. Military strategists, particularly Napoleon, de Gaulle and Giap, are his favourites. Now the nemesis of the Soviet Union has turned his wrath against the mullahs from the

Afghanistan has never wit-nessed anything quite like Taleban. Literally, the name means student, whose traditional role was to study and bring the word of Muhamto the people. In this mad capacity Taleban had been a feature of Afghan society for centuries.

But the new school of Taleban, founded by Mullah Muhammed Omar, the movereclusive one-eyed leader in Kandahar, is something quite different. His ultra-conservative version of

Islam is backed by a highly trained, well equipped militant militia, which has largescale covert support from

Mullah Omar has tried to haul Afghanistan back into the 7th century. A new era of brutality engulfed the country as Taleban sought to create the world's purest Islamic

grow beards and are jailed if they are not long enough. Thieves' hands and feet are cut off in public. Music, dancing and picnics have been banned

Television sets and stereos are ritually hanged in public squares. Women are forced to conform to strict Islamic codes of dress and are banned from attending schools or univer-

Like other messianic movements in history, Taleban believes it alone is in possession of holy truth. Taleban's fighters are convinced that

they are the sole guardians of that truth.

Such unshakeable conviction has turned them into fanatical fighters. But like British and Russians before them, the Pakistani-backed Taleban found that they had bitten off more than they could chew in their attempts to conquer the country.

After initial successes they have been beaten back with heavy losses and are now facing dissent within their own ranks.

In an interview with The Times at his home in the Panjshir Valley, General Masood said: "We have deliberately engaged the enemy on several fronts to weaken him. In my opinion, the Teleban are now in a defensive position." General Masood said that

he could have stormed the

gates of Kabul on several occasions during the past ten months. But he did not want to take the capital until he had built a nationwide consensus behind him. That process is almost complete and it is now time to bring the fighting into the heartland of the Taleban forces, it is claimed, have four times the firepower now than when they were pushed out of Kabul last September.



General Masood, the anti-Taleban leader, talks with his commanders at a command post 40 miles from Kabul

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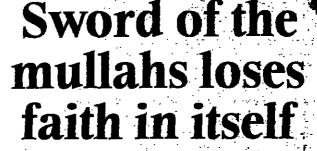
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FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN KALAKAN

TALEBAN armour and artil- They no longer believe in lery pounded the frontline positions of Ahmed Shah Masood around the mudwalled village of Kalakan over the weekend, but failed to dent the defences held by the anti-Taleban alliance for the past

four weeks.

A relentless barrage of shells and mortars fell out of the sky around the battered mud-bricked fortress held by Commander Bismellah Khan, whose fighters took refuge in trenches, wells and mut huts, emerging several hours later,

Three of the Northern Alliers strafed Taleban positions in the village of Husseini Kot ... and the Shakar Dara Heights. some 12 miles north of Kabul. leaving a trail of smoking. plumes running across the

General Masood's Tajik fighters returned the barrage. yesterday, concentrating their fire on Taleban tank and infantry positions across the Shakar Dara Heights, which could be heard reverberating all over the Shomali Valley from Kabul to the Hindu

Morale among General Masood's commanders and fighters along the Old Road into_Kabul appears to be. buoyant. Tanks, multiple-barrelled rocket launchers and artillery pieces are being re-paired, fine-tuned and posi-tioned for what is widely thought to be an imminent assault on the gates of the capital, Kabul.

Seven attempts by the Taleban to break through the Northern Alliance's front lines over the past ten days, includ-ing a ferocious battle last week when villagers said it had been "raining rockets", have

During an interview just behind the anti-Taleban alliance's front line, near the village of Kalakan, Commander Bismellah Khan said that the Taleban had thrown just about everything they had at the Northern Alliance and had still failed to get through. "Before, the Taleban were good fighters," he said. "But they have disintegrated as a fighting force." He added:

what they are fighting for." The high morale of the anti-Taleban alliance contrasts with the mood in Kabul, which is growing more tense

by the day, according to reports which have reached here from the city by satellite Random round-ups of the civilian population by the Taleban authorities have increased. Talib soldiers are

becoming increasingly jittery, and the population is impatient for General Masood to make his move. One Western military exby mechanised infantry and co-ordinated air assaults. would be able to punch their way through the two Taleban-

controlled mountain passes which lead to Kabul in a matter of hours. While General Masood has the tanks, he lacks the mechanised infantry, rendering his fighters vulnerable to intensi Taleban shelling. Besides, he appears to be in no rush to take Kabul, preferring to bleed

the Taleban forces before

making his move. A succession of bruising military defeats at Mazari-Sharif, Salang and the Shomali Valley has punctured Taleban's myth of military invincibility, and convinced General Masood who has been made Defence Minister in a new anti-Taleban government that Kabul is now within his grasp.



Burma jails three Suu Kyi relatives

Rangoon: Three Burmese democracy supporters related to the opposition leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, were each jailed for ten years, the Burmese Government said yesterday.
Daw Suu Kyi's cousin and close aide, Cho Aung Than, his sister, Nge Ma Ma Than, and her husband. Myint Swe, had been found a little we. had been found guilty and sentenced under national security laws in the Insein court

in Rangoon.

Cho Aung Than, Myint
Swe and Nge Ma Ma Than have been sentenced to three years' imprisonment for breaching the Unlawful Asso-ciations Act and a further seven years under the Emergency Provisions Act." a gov-ernment statement said.

The three were detained in June and questioned in relation to smuggling videotapes of Daw Suu Kyi's speeches abroad. They have also been accused of being conduits for foreign funds the Government said were received by Daw Sun Kyl's National League for Democracy (NLD) party earlier this year, offici-

The military regime, the State Law and Order Restora tion Council (Slore), said in June that Daw Sun Kyrs party had received \$82,200 (£50,000) from two Americans working for United States

in an interview last month. Daw Suu Kyi strongly denied receiving the money. (Reuter)

Fans just can't help falling in love with Elvis

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MEMPHIS

THOUSANDS of delirious fans wept openly as a "virtual" Elvis Presley, revived for the stage by electronic wizards. performed "live" for nearly three hours at a concert to mark the 20th anniversary of The event took place at the

Mid-South Coliseum in Mem-phis on Saturday night, at-tended by at least 10,000 people, and must surely rank as one of the most astonishing acts of collective worship witnessed in modern America.

"Hallelujahs", in fact, rent the air when Lisa Marie Presley, Elvis's daughter and only child. made a shy appearance on stage halfway through the proceedings, accompanied by her mother, Priscilla Presley, All that was missing was the cry from blind men that they could see again or the sight of the lame turning

The concert, the brainchild Todd Morgan, creative director of Elvis Presley Enterprises, centred on footage from several Elvis performances projected onto a giant

Displaying the precision of the best brain surgeons, a team of acoustic technicians had picked the film clips clean of all sound except for that of Elvis's own voice, which then sang to the accompaniment of a live orchestra. The cutting and pasting of the film was equally masterful, with Elvis shown to banter with his musicians, flirt with the crowd and even go through several lurid changes of costume.

The perfection of its execuion ensured that the evening's entertainment was more than iust a schmaltzy son et lumière show for the Elvis-obsessed: as kitsch drama, it will rarely be equalled; as a simulation of a 'gig", it was peerless.

The delicious shiver sent through the audience by Heartbreak Hotel, for example, was just as it used to be when Elvis was alive, and the night ended, as his concerts always did, with a syrupy; to pay tribute to Elvis Presley,"

Friedberg: Hundreds of fans in this small central German town, where Elvis Presiev did his military service, commemorated the 20th anniversary of his death with a concert and a torchlight parade in the neighbouring town of Bad

Elvis spent 17 months in Friedberg between Octo-ber 1958 and March 1960 as a GL Local officials renamed part of its main street after him. (AFP)

rendition of Can't Help Falling in Love. The event's title, Elvis in Concert 97, served to inflate the illusion of a comeback by the "King" of rock'n roll.

The true live music, too, was titanic feat of organisation. Along with the entire Memphis Symphony Orchestra, the organisers had also assembled a large cast of Elvis's old accompanying musicians.

Now much stouter of body

and greyer of hair than they used to be, their skills were still impressively intact. They included: the Jordanaires, the backing vocalists on his earliest tracks; the Imperials, his famed TCB Band, including James Burton, Glen Hardin, Jerry Scheff and Ronnie Tutt; Scotty Moore, the guitarist; and DJ. Fontana; and, finally, the Sweet Inspirations, a honeyed quartet of black female vocalists. The audience was also worked over by Sammy Shore and Jackie Kahane, the two warm-up comedians Elvis employed for many of his The most emotional mo-

ments came when the two Presley women, Priscilla and Lisa Marie, appeared together on stage, both dressed in mourning black. Mother and daughter have had their differences, so their on-stage embrace triggered a lachrymose tumult in the audience. "I can think of no greater way

Priscilla, stumbling through her auto-cue text as her own eyes brimmed with tears. "I only wish he could have been here. His legacy will live on for ever ... his light will never fade." Lisa Marie, for her part,

received a thunderous roar of affection. "We love you, Lisa," many shouted. "You're the King's princess," yelled others. Some, perhaps carried away by the flood of their feelings, spoke still more frankly: "We forgive you, Lisa," they shrieked, "we forgive you". That was a reference to her short-lived marriage to the pop singer Michael Jackson, who is re-garded as an odious creature by the diehard Elvis sector. which felt betrayed when their King's daughter married so calamitous a commoner.

To Lisa Marie, too, went the credit for conjuring the night's tearjerking apogee, with the help once more of some friendly technicians.

At the touch of a button a screen unfurled, on which was projected a duet - Don't Cry Daddy — sung by her and Elvis himself. Women every-where dabbed their eyes, as male Adam's apples bobbed with barely constrained emotion. "Don't cry, Lisa Marie," sobbed a stout lady in the seat next to mine. "Don't cry, Elvis. It'll be all right.'

The concert brought sumptuous end to a week of fun, passion and introspection Memphis. On Friday, 30,000 Elvisians filed solemnly past the King's grave at Graceland, the Presley home now turned into an "Elvis temple". Such was their dedication that some queued for un to seven hours in the humid Tennessee night

Each man, woman and child carried lit candles. whose light stretched like a string of pearls down the length of Elvis Presley Boulevard. Their idol may have been gaudy, a touch vulgar even, but their reverence was simple and unadorned.



Carl Cassady, above, police chief of Frost, Texas, goes through his Elvis routine at the Graceland theme park in Memphis and, below, Priscilla Presley, left, and Lisa Marie Presley at the Memphis concert commemorating the 20th anniversary of Elvis's death





Barbie joins the 'King' in gift shop frenzy

By Michael Conton in memphis

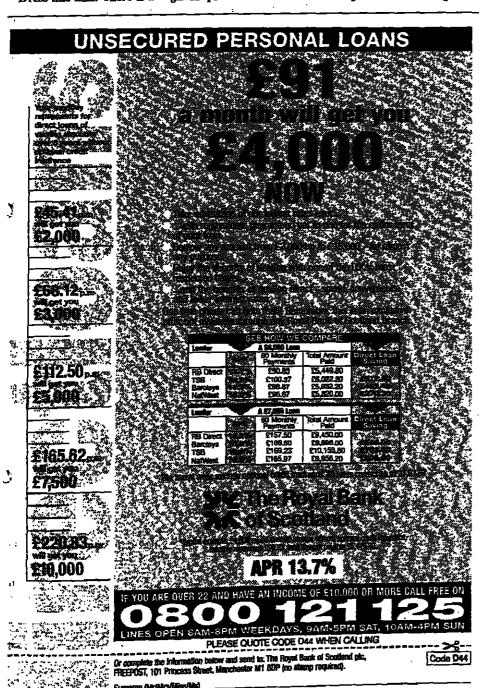
TWENTY years after his death, Elvis Presley is for sale s never before. Eat like him? vey the \$2 (£1.25) fried peanut butter and banana sandwich at Rockabilly's Grill near his Graceland mansion. Dress like him? There is a brown leather aviator's jack-et with his gold-embroidered signature for \$450, or a black motorcycle jacket for \$395. Or pick up the \$5,000 Gibson tring Elvis Signature Model acoustic guitar inlaid with his name in pearl. Thousands of fans were in

a buying frenzy at the official gift shops at the weekend.

A \$79.95 (plus tax) "Barbie Loves Elvis" doll set — she in a pink sweater and black poodle skirt, he in a gold lame jacket — has become one of the event's top sellers. Other merchandise ranges

from a \$1,000 framed 45rpm vinyl record of Blue Christmas and Santa Bring My Baby Back to a guitarter at \$1.95. There are blankets, pil-

lows, dressing gowns, clocks and lamps with swinging Elvis legs, a range of Elvis shower gels, after-shave lo-tions and body powders, unbrellas, dishes, glassware, watches and crystal glasses. (Reuter)



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Blacks in anti-police protest

FROM JAMES BONE

THOUSANDS of demonstrators, many waving lavatory plungers, marched on a police station in New York at the weekend to protest about an alleged attack on a Haitian immigrant who was said to have been sexually assaulted while in police custody.

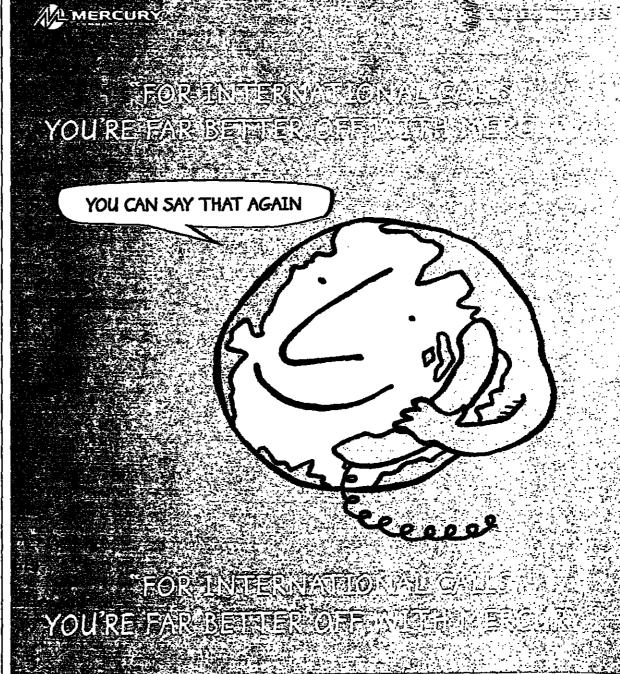
Two policemen have been charged for assaulting Abner Louima, 30, a private security guard, with the handle of a plunger in a police station lavatory after he was arrested for disorderly conduct outside a nightclub.

At least two more officers are likely to be arrested on the basis of evidence provided by a young policeman at the 70th precinct in Brooklyn, who has been placed under special protection after speaking up against his colleagues. Some 4,000 marchers, most

of them Haitian blacks, hurled abuse at the police station on Saturday, chanting "KKK must go!" At one point the demonstrators tried to storm a police barricade and a scuffle ensued, but there were no arrests or injuries. Mr Louima watched the

protest an television from the intensive care unit of Brooklyn hospital where he is recovering from a punctured bladder and intestines. His lawyer Carl Thomas, who attended the demonstration, said Mr Louima felt very good that people are upset about what happened and that they were making their voices heard".

Police Officers Charles Schwarz, 31, and Justin Volpe, 25, face up to 50 years in jail if convicted of aggravated sexual abuse and first-degree assault.



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Kohl's holiday message brings no sunshine in summer of gloom

cent for the opposition Social

Democrats. Herr Kohl's part-

ners, the Free Democrats, are

on 5 per cent: even a slight dip

would banish them from par-

liament. The Greens, the like-

ly partner of the Social

Democrats, are recording a

high, stable vote of 10 per

cent. A Red-Green alliance, in

other words, could thrash the

Chancellor if elections were

mut Kohl this summer. Normally one could expect pictures of the Chancellor and his wife posing with an animal - a deer, a horse or, if all else fails, a docile cow — at his Austrian retreat on the Wolfgangsee. During the holiday, such is the pattern set by almost 15 years in power, the Chancellor gives a television interview which is supposed to reassure the few Germans still at home, too poor or too busy to take their towels to the Mediterranean beaches. The interview is treated with the same kind of reverence accorded to the Queen's Christ-



BY ROGER BOYES

mas Day message; it is supposed to keep everybody on an even keel. This year is different and

cellor is weaker, the Germans muster only 36 per cent of the shuffle is being taken so tries under Herr Waigel (also mer rumours filling the news more critical of his perfor-vote, compared with 41 per seriously. The Post Minister, costing the Free Democrats a vacuum are more destructive mance, rivals hungrier than before. The mood has not been lifted by the sunshine. On the contrary, it has merely reminded the Germans that the enfeebled mark has made the usual stamping grounds, even much-loved Florida, unreasonably expensive. More Germans are sunbathing at home this summer than in any year since unification.

Herr Kohl, of course, is not blamed personally. But he is t is not mid-term blues. The figures have been part of the mood of decline which has staggered into the broadly the same for a holiday period. The latest opinion polls indicate that the year. That is why the summer Christian Democrats can

a member of the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU). will see his department abolished at the end of the year; privatisation has made the ministry irrelevant.

The CSU, and in particular Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, have been using the holiday to call for an autumn reshuffle to take into account this natural wastage. The CSU needs to be compensated. But how? By making Herr Waigel the Foreign Minister at the expense of the incumbent Free Democrat, Klaus Kinkel? By merging the Fi-nance and Economic MinisCabinet seath? By making a CSU-controlled super-ministry out of Health and Social affairs (the loser would be the Chancellor's closest ally, Norbert Blüm)?

If the Chancellor obliges, he will be seen to be hostage to the Bavarians. If he refuses or delays, he will come over again as indecisive. The only way he can emerge a winner is if he announces a shrunken Cabinet, disposing of several ministries with creative mergers. All the signs are that the German leader no longer has the energy for such a radical

than usual

dmund Stoiber, Bavaria's Prime Minister, is calling almost weekly for a controlled two-year delay in the introduction of the euro. Herr Waigel is banging the drum for a big European budget rebate. Christian Wulff, the Lower

Saxony Christian Democrat, an outspoken critic of the Chancellor's ruling style, is touring Germany, making ambiguous remarks about the Government. All this erodes the Chancellor's authority. Party discipline is crumbling. That is why the Chancellor's lakeside interview has fallen flat this summer. He pleaded with the Opposition to negotiate a modest set of tax-cuts — this from a man who once hailed his own tax plan as the reform of the century. "If we can't do everything at once, then let us do at least a part so that the country can see a future for

To those of us holidaying inour German gardens, that smacked of weakness. As a reformer, he has failed. Herr Kohi can light the election only on his credentials as a European, and since Amsterdam those laurels look thin.

Far Right stays step ahead of the law by Internet

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN AND CHRIS FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

GERMAN neo-Nazi sympathisers, strutting in makeshift brown uniforms and barking out racist slogans. tried yesterday to dodge police flying squads to demonstrate their allegiance to Rudolf Hess, Adolf Hitler's deputy.

Sunday's protests - in defiance of a Constitutional Court ruling — capped a weekend of sometimes violent demonstrations in Denmark and Germany which displayed the ability of right-wing extrem-ists to use mobile telephones and the Internet to evade strict laws against glorifying Hitler and the Nazi movement.

The German authorities are ready tough rules by enforcing members of outlawed groups to register at local police

stations twice a day. The occasion for the weekend protests was the tenth anniversary of the suicide of Hess while serving a life sentence in Allied imprisonment in Berlin. The far Right

claims he was murdered, and so he has become a martyr for the movement.

The most successful weekend rally for the neo-Nazis was in Denmark, which has more liberal laws than Germany on far-right demonstrations.

Shouting "Sieg Heil" and waving swastika flags, they switched their rally at the last moment to the town of Koge, south of Copenhagen, to avoid a battle with anti-Nazi protesters who fought with police at the original site in the nearby cathedral city of Roskilde. Many of the neo-Nazis wore masks and carried wooden portraits chanting: "Rudolf Hess fighter for peace."

Among those who marched was Stewart Mordant, a British-born member of the farright Dutch Centre Party, who made a furious attack on black people. They will try to destroy you - your best salvation is to join our strug-

ance out." said a British Army

source. "Speed and good wea-ther conditions are going to be

The Bosnian Serbs are

known to have a variety of

wire and heat guided missiles

in Pale, but military sources say a night raid on Dr Karadzic's villa in the isolated

hamlet of Gorovici would

negate this threat. Sfor troops

might be dropped in a day

ahead of an operation, leaving

helicopters vulnerable only in

officials, however, the arrest of

their mentor was unthinkable.

"He's a legend, a poet," said

an editor with Serb Radio and

Television (SRT), which has

banned its journalists from

speaking to foreigners. "He

will walk to heaven with steps

seven miles long." In Pale, Dr Karadzic's aura stalks like a

ghost over every huddled con-

versation. The friend said Dr

Karadzic's birthplace in

Durmitor, Montenegro, was

further proof of his immortal-

ity. "Some of our greatest Serb

heros have come from there.

Genetically, he has to be

The reality is rather more

grubby. So desperate was Dr Karadzic that the constitution-

al court should rule against

Mrs Playsic's move to dissolve

parliament that he had one of

the more moderate judges

beaten up. Judge Jovo Rovic

was yesterday released from

hospital and said that he

would hold a press conference

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honourable."

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arch through Koge in Denmark to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of Rudolf Hess. Hitler's deputy

gle", he said. German neo-Nazis trying to make their way to Denmark were detained by police, as were skinheads trying to attend rallies in Brunswick. Halle and some towns in the state of Hesse.

Over the weekend at least 380 people were detained.

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though most were expected to be released today. The clashes were predict-

able. They occur on the Hess anniversary and German courts invariably unhold the police right to outlaw the demonstrations. Under German law it is forbidden to stir

up racial hatred to make the isers told neo-Nazis to have or deny publicly the existence charged-up mobile telephones of the Holocaust. But a and to be ready to change the border-free Europe makes it site of their protest at a easier for extremists to slip out moment's notice. The tips of the grasp of the German police. Before heading out for the weekend protests, organ-

Hitler salute, wear a swastika full tanks: of petrol and came over special telephone information lines and on the

In terms of numbers, the result was a poor one. Neo-Nazis ... had... expected : some 2,000 sympathisers to be on the move, instead the Danish demonstrators numbered about 150 and the total number of protesters in Germany probably came to about 300.

Pope is accused over rule from Rome

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME .

UMBERTO BOSSI, the fiery and outspoken leader of the separatist Northern League yesterday attacked the Pope as a foreigner who bolstered the unified Italian state while blocking devolution of powers to the regions.

This Polish Pope has invested in temporal rather than spirimal power." Signor Bossi said. He accused the Pope and the Vatican of "national deri-calism", adding: "We cannot continue to accept a Church centred on Rome." He com-pared John Paul II unfavourably to an earlier Pope, John XXIII, who came from Lombardy, the heartland of the League He said John XXIII largely kept out of politics and confined himself to "matters of conscience" whereas John Paul li had gone out of his way to use the authority of the Church to oppose demands for regional

autonomy.
The League is campaigning to create a separate north Italian state, named Padania. Although a "declaration of independence" in Venice last year fell flat. Signor Bossi has continued to push for autonomy, staging a "referendum" earlier this year (in reality a League opinion poll) and vowing to hold Padaman elections this autumn. "We will leave Rome with a few things - the Pope, the Colosseum and the Miss Italy beauty contest," Signor Bossi said.

Serbs threaten to defend Karadzic from Nato swoop

FROM TOM WALKER IN PALE

the keys."

HARDLINE Serbs have promised to shoot down any Nato helicopters involved in a snatch operation to take Radovan Karadzic. They say Western governments have seriously underestimated the support for the former leader and psychiatrist they revere as the father of the Bosnian Serb

By pushing Republika Srpska's constitutional court to veto the attempt by Biljana Playsic, the president, to dissolve parliament and stage fresh elections, Dr Karadzic seems to be approaching his last stand. For the West only his removal can free the Bosnian Serbs from political paralysis and economic catastrophe. In the way of the specialised Nato troops, now thought to be ready for an arrest operation, stands the population and the intimidating terrain of Pale, the former ski resort 2,000ft above Sarajevo, where loyalty to Dr Karadzic is fierce.

In 1995, during the Nato bombing raids which brought the Bosnian conflict to a halt, a French military jet was shot down over Pale and its inhabitants claim they are ready for action again. "Every person and child will defend him," said a government official claiming to be a good friend of

Dr Karadzic. Over brandy and thick slabs of barbecued pig, his entourage guffawed at the prospect of an airborne mission to capture The Hague's most wanted war crimes suspect. We shot down a French Mirage, what's a few helicopters?" they said. "Hundreds will die, thousands."

Pale's attempt to be a seat of government may be risible. but officers with Nato's Stabilisation Force (Sior) troops in Bosnia admit its hilly, heavily forested terrain

by more docking setbacks presents a major obstacle for FROM RICHARD BEESTON military strategists. "The pros and the cons just about bal-

IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S ailing Mir space station suffered a fresh setback yesterday when a computer malfunction caused the last-minute cancellation of a docking operation and cast doubts on a repair mission scheduled for this week.

In what has become a depressingly familiar pattern, mission control in Mascow said plans to dock a Progress supply vessel with Mir had been postponed until today after the ship failed to respond to commands.

The blades of American "The computer aboard the Progress failed to work about three hours before redocking." Black Hawk helicopters can withstand 43mm cannon fire, and the British source said the said Viktor Blagov, the deputy flight director. We are plan-Americans may have a new generation of super-quiet helining this procedure for tomor-For the feasting government

However, his remarks mask concerns that the docking could be a serious problem. It is a repeat of a manoeuvre carried out on June 25 when the Progress vessel crashed into one of the station's modules, forcing the crew to abandon the punctured Spektr module and leaving the station with half its electrical power.

The two-man Russian relief crew, which arrived on Mir earlier this month, and the British-born Nasa astronaut Michael Foale, are supposed to begin the dangerous repair work on Spektr on Wednesday, although that operation

will now be delayed. On Saturday, the returned crew of Mir. Vasili Tsibliyev and Aleksandr Lazutkin, suggested that, if it had not been for their efforts, the orbiter would have been abandoned long ago. "It has been an established tradition here in Russia to look for scapegoats," Mr Tsibliyev said.

Casanova loses his sexiness

FROM RICHARD OWEN

GIACOMO CASANOVA, the 18th-century Venetian adven-turer and Don Juan, was not the arch-seducer of legend but a scholar, diplomat and religious thinker whose reputation as a lover rests largely on his own heavily embroidered and partly fictitious account, according to new Italian studies.

Next year marks the bicentenary of Casanova's death and the revisionists are already setting out to dismantle the myth, much of which stems from Casanova's own unreliable memoirs, My Life and Adventures. The more sober side of the

great lady killer is presented

in a play based on Casanova's own writings to be staged next month in Vicenza, and in two forthcoming books A Night with Don Giovanni, by Luciano Paesani, a re-evaluation of Casanova's contribution to the libretto for Mozart's Don Giovanni, and a collection of love letters between Casanova and two of his amours, the actress Manon Balletti and the intellectual Elisa von der Recke. Some of the new



Casanova: scholar and religious thinker

and fragments found at the castle at Dux, near Teplitz, in Germany, where Casanova spent the last 14 years of his life as librarian to his patron, Count Waldstein

Born in 1725, Casanova had attended a seminary in his youth, but was expelled for scandalous conduct". He was always on the move, living in Rome, Paris (where he invented the national lottery), Dresden, Prague, Vienna, London, St Petersburg and his beloved Venice, where his reputation as an occult magician landed him in the dreadDoge's palace. He escaped, spectacularly in 1756, only returning to La Serenissima about 20 years later to offer his services to the state inquisitors as a spy.

The emerging view is that, although his memoirs focus.

on his amours ("My sanguine temperament rendered me sensible to the attractions of voluptuousness"). Casanova was really a thinker and would be statesman. His pro-lific writings include not only his autobiography and his famous account of his escape from prison, but also quantities of verse, a work of philosophy and a translation of The Iliad into Venetian. "It is true he was always in and out of women's bedrooms", said Corriere della Sera. "But his real vocation was as a politician and philosopher

manoué.' At the Teatro Olimpico in Vicenza, where Casanova is being staged, Maurizio Scapparo, the playwright, said he saw Casanova as a disillu-sioned man. "His endless role-playing and travelling wore him out," Signor Scaparro said. "The practical business of sex did not really satisfy him at all, nor was i the central fact of his life.



Zienia Merton and Frank Finlay in the 1971 BBC series, Casanova

WORLD IN BRIEF

More aid offered to flee Montserrat

THE volcanic island of Montserrat is one step closer to total abandonment after it was announced at the weekend that Britain is to help more residents leave the Caribbean dependency (David Adams writes). The latest move comes as scientists said that the risk of violent eruptions is greater than previously thought.

Montserrar's Chief Minister, Bertrand Osborne, said

residents are being offered a voluntary exit package, including money and transportation to the neighbouring island of Antigua. Residents of several villages previously considered safe have been told to move to refugee shelters.

Denktas in boycott threat

Ankara: The Turkish Cypriot leadership yesterday threatened to boycott further negotiations on the future of the divided Mediterranean island if the European Union starts accession talks with the Greek Cypriot Government. Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, said: "Our future decision on the Cyprus negotiating process will depend on the attitude the EU adopts at the end of 1997." Five days of UNsponsored talks in Switzerland ended last week with both sides saying no progress had been made (AFP)

Islam music legend dies

Lahore: Hundreds bade farewell yesterday to Nusrat Fatch Ali Khan, one of South Asia's greatest singers, who brought the devotional music of Islam to the West and who died aged 49 of a heart attack at a London hospital on Saturday. Khan was Pakistan's most popular musician with a career spanning three decades. His body was taken to Lahore before being flown by helicopter for burial at Faisalabad. (AP)

Beach landslide kills child

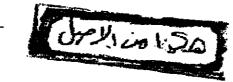
Sofia: A craggy bloff over a Black Sea-beach gave way yesterday, sending earth and rocks crashing down on a beach and killing a boy aged two. The secluded heach near the town of Balchik, about 312 miles northeast of Sofia, is best reached by sea. The boy's parents, who were covered waist-deep in earth, survived, AP)

Six die in Kenya attacks

Roadside kiosks and dozens of houses in the Kenyan port of Mombasa were set ablaze by unknown affactors linked to the killing hours earlier of five people in a village north of the city (Inigo Gilmore writes). In another village, a sixth person was shot dead by the police. The attacks are believed to be related to increasing political tensions in the country.

Peru rebels hold workers

At least 50 of Peru's ruthless Shining Path guerrillas are reported to have kidnapped 29 petroleum company workers, including an undetermined number of foreigners, from a seismic survey post, set up in a remote central rainforest area along the River Ene (Gabriella Gamini writes).



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Ramprakash recalled to England fold

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

Gatting has shared a dress-

ing-room with Ramprakash

throughout his career and

stood down from the Middle-

sex captaincy, in his favour.

It will be thought by some that Ramprakash is now a contender to succeed Michael

Atherton as captain of Eng-

land, but, in the short term,

this is inconceivable. If Ather-

ton does resign before the

winter tour, the job could only

pass to someone reasonably

secure in the side, proven of

temperament and likely to

earlier this season.

MARK RAMPRAKASH, the great enigma of English cricket, is back where appearances insist he belongs, but statistics beg to differ. The most elegant batsman of his generation has been recalled, at the expense of John Crawley, for the sixth Test against Australia, start-

ing at the Oval on Thursday.

The majority of cricket-watchers, rightly supportive of Ramprakash's clear potential and charisma, will acclaim his inclusion, though it is unarguably made on a whim and a prayer. Crawley, who passed 1,000 Test runs last week in his twelfth consecutive match, has an England average almost twice as high as that of the

man who replaces him. Crawley, however, has mustered only 26 runs in the first innings of five Tests this season and is the casualty of the selectors' justifiable determination to curtail their team's habit of losing games before they reach the midway point.

If Ramprakash is the beneficiary of this move, he is also being asked to prove a lot in a very short time. A place on the tour of West Indies - against whom he has played nine of his 19 Tests — is the immediate prize that may be dependent on his response to pressure this week. His first reaction to the news was to make nought for Middlesex at Lord's yesterday.

Ramprakash's Test career was launched, amid high expectations, as long ago as 1991. when he was 21. He played all six Tests against West Indies that summer, but, in the intervening six years, has added only 13 more caps and achieved a dismal England average of 16.65. Strictly on this evidence, his fresh chance is a rare and fortunate

privilege. As David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, explained yesterday, however, it became impossible to ignore

Middlesex surrender Stewart keeps dual role ... 27 One-day blunders ...

Ramprakash both because of his volume of county runs and the oft-stated admiration of his fellow players. "Whatever dressing-room I go into, his is the name that people mention to me," Graveney said.

The counter-argument to this, of course, is that we always knew he could bat at county level, just as we knew that he possessed all the technical qualifications one could desire. What, to date, he has painfully failed to demonstrate is the means to conquer his vertigo at the heady levels

Batting at No 6 throughout the 1991 series, he made a succession of twenty-somethings and occupied the crease for a remarkable length of time. It was generally assumed that he would flourish once the heat of opposition was eased, but it never happened.

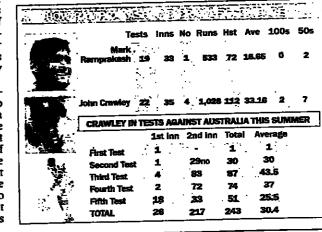
Ramprakash has made four full England tours, but played a total of only seven overseas Tests, four of them in the West Indies four winters ago. More than once, when on tour, he has become a detached and insular figure, prone to the bouts of temper and selfrecrimination that, in his youth, earned him the nickname "Bloodaxe".

achieve eminence in the dress-One reason for his latest ing-room. Ramprakash has return is the conviction of the his work cut out proving his selectors that he has matured as a person. This view came most strongly from Mike Gatting, who ought to know.

redentials as a player.

The memory of his last Test lingers disturbingly. It was in Johannesburg, late in 1995, and he made four and nought. When, in the second innings. Brian McMillan yorked him second ball, it seemed England were heading for heavy defeat. Instead, that Test was saved by Atherton's monu-mental 185 not out.

A single Test at the end of a losing series would doubtless not be his preferred route back but, for the moment, Ramprakash will take whatever comes in his mission to prove that his nerve really can hold firm under stress.



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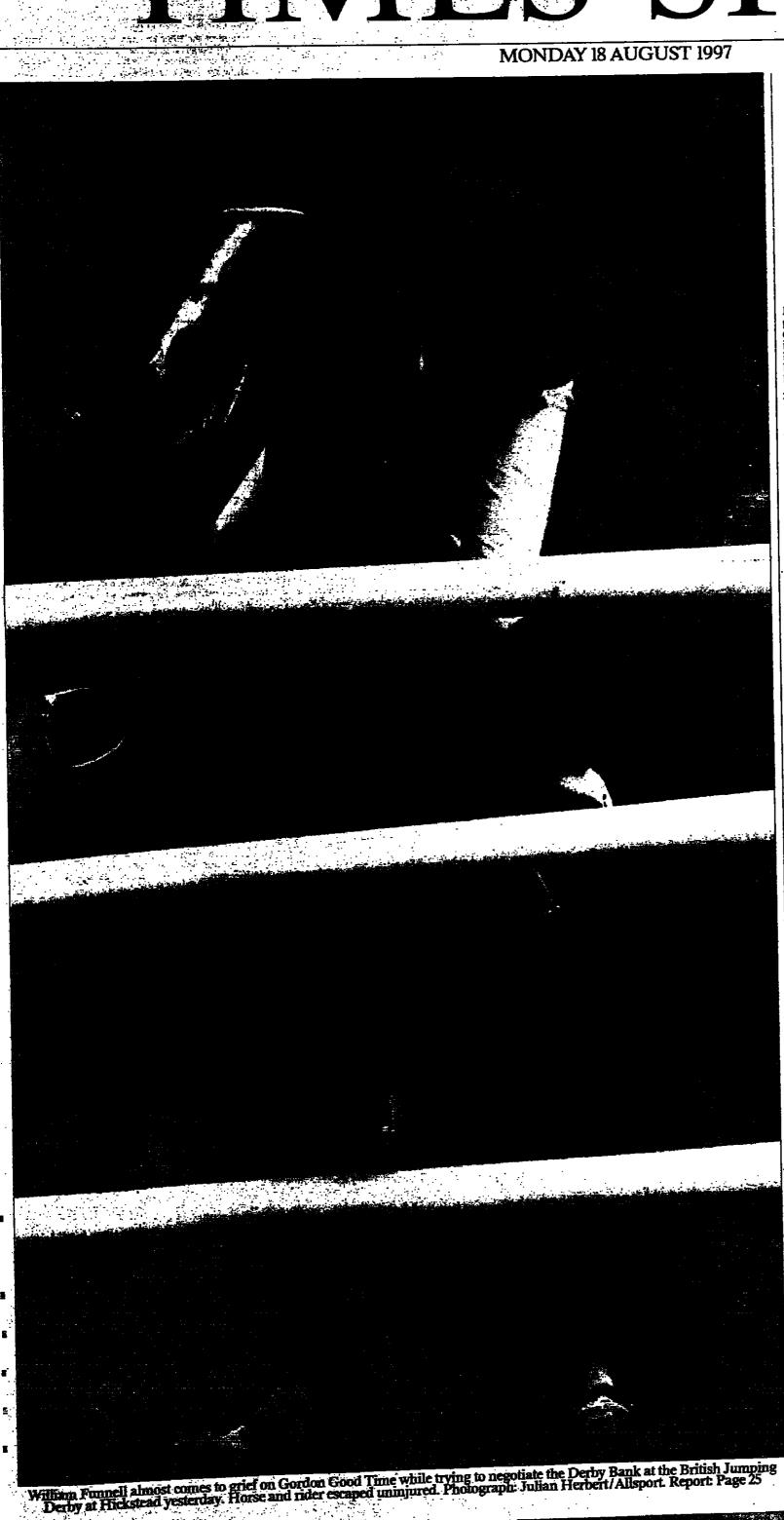
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MOTORCYCLING: AUSTRALIAN WINS BRITISH GRAND PRIX TO CLINCH FOURTH SUCCESSIVE 500cc WORLD TITLE

Doohan, an easy rider way out in front



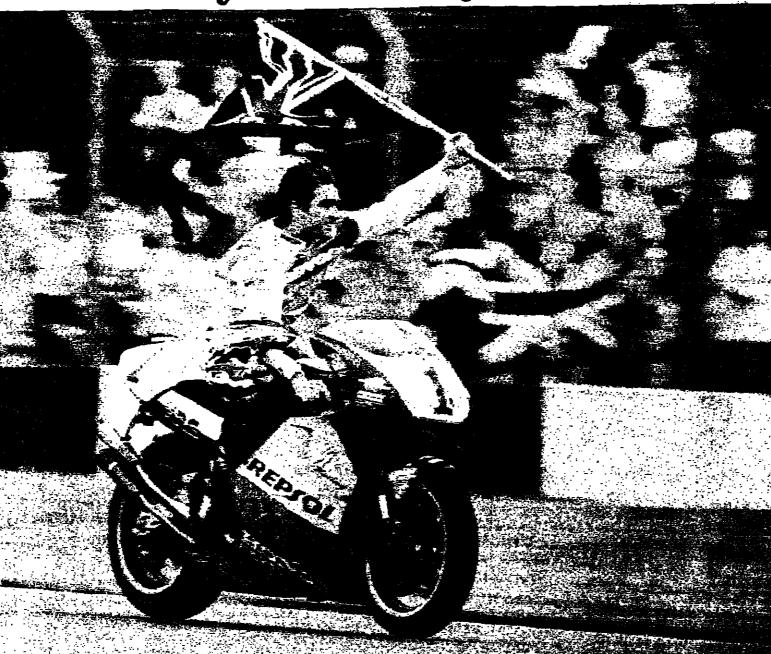
At Donington

THE British Grand Prix was into its closing laps, with Tadayuki Okada threatening to upstage the coronation. Winning was mathematically academic to Michael Doohan, whose hold on a fourth consecutive 500cc motorcycling world championship was all but secure. Then, seven laps from the finish. Doohan swent inside his Japanese team-mate to assume the lead, in the process triggering celebrations among 30,000 gathered at Donington Park to witness another benchmark in the Australian's remarkable

Victory amply demonstrated why Doohan inhabits an altitude that leaves others struggling to breathe. A midrace spurt, showcased by a lap record, seemed to deflate Okada before he rallied to take the lead on lap 20. However, when Doohan regained the initiative, you could have staked your house on him retaining it. As he later testified: "The only way I wanted to win the championship was by winning this race. I didn't particularly enjoy winning last year's championship by finishing second in Catalunya. This is the way to do it."

The detail was important to Doohan. Never mind that he has wrapped up the championship with four races remaining; never mind that he has won ten of 11 grands prix this season, his only blemish coming in Spain, where he ran second: and never mind that he joins Mike Hailwood and Giacomo Agostini, the only men to annex four successive world championships. Doohan, like so many of his compatriots, is nothing but a hard-nosed winner.

Anyone doubting his impact should have been trackside on Thursday. All riders are beseeched by autograph hunters, but it is Doohan's they really want. His drawing of a pen in the pitlane proved the signal for others to come



Flying the Australian flag. Doohan celebrates his fourth world title after winning the British Grand Prix. Photograph: Marc Aspland

forward, attracted like iron filings to a magnet. Doohan obliged for a few minutes, retreated to the sanctuary of the pit and promptly drew the shutters — otherwise he would have been there all night.

That moment was indicative of the man. Doohan, 32, is happy to talk about his career. the Repsol Honda team, his experience in ten years of grand prix racing. Stray beyond the work ethic and his expression tells you he is about to respond with a series of bland statements — which he duly delivers. Often alone at the head of the field, he is equally detached in relation-

ships with team members. "I am under no illusions." he said. "In the paddock, it is nothing but a business. I have no friends in there; I am there to ride a motorcycle. There are a lot of people I get along with, but that's as far as it goes." By

way of endorsing the point, Doohan dedicated this championship to the hard work of his team, before immediately jetting back to Monaco to celebrate in the Principality he

has made his home. The motorcycle circuit is a global travelling circus. The key difference is that, unlike trapeze artists, riders are asked to perform without a safety net. Doohan would testify to that: a spill in practice five years ago nearly cost him his right leg. It was

RALF WALDMANN, of Germany, moved to within six points of Tetsuya Harada, of Japan.

in the world championship standings by just

edging out his rival in an exciting finish to the

250cc event at Donington. Waldmann, on a

Honda, went one better than last year and

recorded his second victory of the season after

saved by Dr Claudio Costa, on hand to witness yesterday's At the time. triumph. Doohan's thoughts entertained nothing other than making the next race and the one after that ...

It is remarkable, therefore, to hear him maintain that he never flinched when reunited with his bike - much less describe the new model as "one requiring careful, sensitive handling". Its smooth contours disguising an engine of brutal power, the bike bears

as much resemblance to the road user's variety as a Ferrari to a Mini Metro.

It stretches credulity to hear Doohan talking of having to "baby it along". His riding style is distinct, his moving parts almost an extension of the bike. Approaching corners, his legs snap into place with the assurance of locks on an expensive briefcase. If those around him believe him a hard taskmaster, he is simply demanding the standards he sets for himself.

of Italy, on an Aprilia after Tomomi Manako,

his closest challenger, skidded off the track at

the final corner. Manako gambled on cutting

his Aprilia to cross the line in eighth place.

Darren Barton, of Lancashire, was the leading

British finisher, in foorteenth place.

inside Rossi, but fell, although he remount

from Honda, but he has no idea how he will spend his Waldmann closes gap on rival retirement. "If I did, it would

be time to stop," he ventured. When he does, one suspects it will be for good. He has thrived more on the mental demands of racing than any brazen addiction to speed. Plenty of mental challenges await him in the wider world - as he understands better than most.

"If you want to achieve anything in life, you have to

put yourself under pressure to

perform the best," he said. "A

motorcycle is a motorcycle.

There are six Hondas out

there, but there only seems to

Doohan says he will race

next year - and possibly the

year after - before riding off

into the sunset. A lucrative

offer from Yamaha, reportedly

double his annual salary of \$4 million, may tempt him away

be one winning."

BOWLS

Price fights back to keep title

By PETER BRYAN

CYCLING

Italians savour clean sweep

ITALIAN riders enjoyed themselves in the Rochester International Classic yesterday when Andrea Tafi led a clean sweep of the top three places. However, although the event was Great Britain's contribution to the ten-race World Cup series, Ferrigato, Andrea Vatteroni and Stephane Heulot. there was precious little for the

Results

host country to cheer about. Chris Boardman crashed while Max Sciandri, despite putting in a late but spirited attack, had to content himself with sixth place. Boardman suffered his fall 44 kilometres from the finish as the tightlybunched main group upped the pace, with seven riders going clear. Boardman was helped up, but the agony was plain to see as he tried to remount. When he finally got going again, he was minutes down on the whole field and reached Rochester among the tail-

Sciandri, second in the race at Leeds last year, produced an impressive finale. In kilometres from the end, as he set his sights on the five riders ahead of him on the eight-kilometre finishing circuit — Tafi, Giancula Bortolami, Andrea

He had to start his pursuit by

breaking clear from the main pack, but it was a long, hard chase and, when Sciandri's quarry finally came into view, he realised that Tafi had already made his move and was well on his way to victory. Sciandri persisted and finally made contact on the run-in to

The chase had taken its toll

on him, however, and Ferrigato, who beat Sciandri in 1996, edged into second place, with Bortolami completing the Italian hat-trick.

his win in Spain.

Victory for Tali was worth 100 points and lifted him from fourteenth in the competition to third overall with a total of 190 points. He is led by Rolf Sorensen, of Denmark, on 212 points, and Michele Bartoli, of Italy, with 196 points.

The Rochester race offered little in the way of excitement in the first half of a hot day in the saddle. Indeed, as the route swung south through crowded villages, officials were reporting over the race radio that speeds were slow and often as modest as 20mph. Three hours after the start

and on the approaches to Romney Marsh, the serious attack started and, from then on, there was barely a Iuli.

MARY PRICE won the English women's singles champ-ionship for the third time at Royal Learnington Spa on Saturday and equalled a long-standing record held by Nancie Colling and Mavis Steele, who are now senior

officers of the English Wom-

en's Bowling Association.

Price, from Buckinghamshire, playing in her fifth final, dropped a full house of four to trail Jean Baker, of Derby-shire, 7-14, but fought back to take the lead for the first time at 19-18 on the 24th end, only to fall behind again, when Baker scored a double on the 25th. A Price single on the 26th tied the scores at 20-20 and

another on the 27th broke the deadlock, installing Price as only the second player to retain the title.

Bowlers, from the Vine Hotel, in Skegness, won the

By David Rhys Jones triples title with a 29-3 final

victory over a strong team from the City & County of Oxford club, skipped by Sue Lacey, who won the indoor fours championship last year. Margaret Nester, Margaret Walters and Dorothy Briars

had beaten the holders. Audrey Mainwairing, Greta Winstone and Irene Molyneux, who also play for the City & County of Oxford, in the semi-finals.

Yesterday, at Worthing, Neil Trundler, from Victory Park, in Stroud, won the national under-25 singles championship, beating Clive James, of Canterbury, 21-6, in.

Arthur Jackson, 43, from Broadway, in Worcestershire, beat Roger Dykes, of Roker Marine, 21-20 in the final of the Champion of Champions'

Dykes beat Gerry Smyth, of Shepherds Bush Cricket Club, 21-20 in the semi-final but lost an early lead against Jackson, son of Reg Jackson, a former Welsh international, in the

Desborough Town defeated Liberty, of Havering, 32-31, in the final of the national interclub two fours championship on Saturday.

Dinas Powys, who won the Welsh club championship in 1985 and 1986, regained the title and lifted the Carrothers Shield for the third time at Liandringod Wells, when they best Gelli Park, 90-68, in the final. Gelli Park included Maldwyn Evans, the 1972 world outdoor singles champi-on, who skipped his rink to wins in the semi-final and final, but Nigel Leigh and Jeff Webley returned vital winning cards for Dinas Powys.

Ainslie loses crown after getting lost

BEN AINSLIE'S attempt to retain his European title in the Laser sailing class against a 130-strong fleet at Cascais in Portugal came to a disappointing end on Saturday when he went the wrong way in the last race and threw away a championship winning position (Edward Gorman writes). However, while Ainsile, the Olympic silver medal winner. finished third overall, behind Stefan Warkalla, of Germany. in second place, there was plenty to celebrate from a British point of view because the winner was Hugh Styles, from Sandwich, in Kent, who sailed a more consistent eight-race series than his more illustrious competitors.

Styles, 23, who was third in the European championships two years ago and second to Ainslie in the last Olympic trials, won only one race at Cascais, but was only out of the top ten once. It was a disappointing finish for Ainslie, who went into the last race in second place overall. The European youth title was won by Peter Walker, of Scotland.

Angry Rusedski beaten

Tennis: Greg Rusedski made an angry attack on a line judge after he lost 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 to Patrick Rafter, of Australia, in the semi-final of the Pilot Pen International tournament in New Haven, Connecticut, In the twelfth game, Rusedski was foot-faulted three times, threw the ball at the line judge — for which he received a code-of-conduct warning — and double faulted twice. "To get called for three foot faults in one game is almost impossible." Rusedski said, "but as a professional I should have handled it better." In the final, Rafter was to play Yevgeny Kafelnikov after his victory over

☐ Monica Seles recovered from a shaky start to defeat Conchita Martinez 6-2, 7-6 in the semi-final of the du Maurier Open tournament in Toronto.

South Africa qualify

Football: Phil Masinga, the former Leeds United forward, scored the goal that secured qualification for the World Cup finals for the first time for South Africa. Masinga, who now plays for Bari. in Italy, scored after 14 minutes against Congo in Johannesburg. "It was a wonderful feeling to strike the ball and see it sail into the roof of the net," he said. "It was the greatest thrill of my life." The team is captained by Lucas Radebe, the Leeds defender.

Record prize on offer

Snooker. The winner of the Embassy world championship next year will collect a cheque for £220,000, the largest prize in the history of the game. The total prize fund of £1.323 million will also set a record. Ronnie O'Sullivan, who will no doubt be among the favourites at the Crucible, captured the first title of the 1997-98 campaign by Beating Jimmy White 5-3 in the final of the Riley's Super Star International in Guangzhou, China, yesterday. It was the tenth tournament win of O'Sullivan's five year professional career.

De Bruin apologises

Swimming: Erik de Bruin, the coach and husband of Michelle Smith, the triple Olympic champion, has been allowed entry to the European championships in Seville after apologising for assuming a false identity when accompanying Smith to doping control at the 1995 championships in Vienna, Harm Beyer, serietary of the European Swimming League, said practices. Everything has been perfect The experience are bed of favor be really the has been settled. The suspicions we had of how he got accredited were confirmed. There was a kind of apology."

Britons bow out

Squash: Mark Caires and Sue Wright, the British champions, have both slipped out at the semi-final stage of the World Games in Labs; Finland, Carris, 30, the world No 13, from Oxfordshire, who was the event's No 2 seed, lost 9-1, 9-3, 9-4 to Derek Ryan, from Lindlin, who is ranked No 17. Sue Wright, the world No 4, squandered a lead of two sets to one in desiring 7-4, 10-8, 0-2, 9-6, 10-8 to Sabine Schöne; of Germany, who is ranked three places

Six of best for Oxford

Rowing City of Oxford, the home deby look advantage of Kowing Lify of externs the nome cleib kook advantage of their local knowledge to enjoy an excellent day with six wins at the Oxford City Royal Regatts on Saunday. Their highest class success came for their top scaller. Richard Briscoe, in the Elite Scalls. There were 255 crews from 55 class racing in 44 events. The only foreign victory went to Leiden, Oxford's twin town in Holland, who beat their hosts in the women's senior II eights final.

Ogle on target again

Rifle shooting: Chifford Ogle, a Northern ireland international marksman, who works for Eleriot Watt University in Scotland, won the British smallbore sifle championship at Bisley on Sahuday, ten years after he first took the title. Ogle 43, a member of the Edinburgh University Alumni RC, scored 781 out of a possible 800 with 40 shots at 50 metres and 40 at 100 yards. This gave him a four-point lead over the runner up, John Dallimore, of Torfach RC.

Beaufort in cup double

Polo: The Beaufort squad won The Daily Telegraph Cup for the under-21 category after a 9-8 victory signings the Old Berkshire in the Pony Club finals; at Cowdray Park yesterday. They won in a goal-shooting contest after the match had finished 5-5. The Beaufort also won the Rendell Cup for under-19s, beating the New Forest into second place. The Rendell-Ledner was won by the Devon and Somerset

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Europeans trailing as Americans go head to head in final round of US PGA Championship

Leonard and Love shoot it out

FROM JOHN HOPKIN, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN MAMARONECK, NEW YORK

THE golfing gods were berkoning their fingers at Justin was in the forefront of EuLeonard, the young Texan ropes challenge. The confiwho won the Open so convincingly last month as the last
round of the US PGA Champround of the US PGA Champround in the US Open and round of the US PGA Champ-ionship reached its conclusion at Winged Foot Golf Chib. Step this way, do what we say and you can become the first man to win the Open and the extreme heat to the 1st tee.

US PGA in one year since Nick Price in 1994, they seemed to be saying.
Since he grasped the Open so convincingly in the foorth round at Troop he has soroun round at Troon, he has grown in stature day by day. The composure he demonstrated in his speech at the prize-

giving was just one example of his maturity. Suddenly, he is putting all the hoopla concerning Tiger Woods into perspective Leonard is a steadier golfer than Woods and, at 25, is only four years older. He is a legitimate member of the new generation of golfers who have dominated the major championships this

After a 65, a course record, on Saturday, Leonard was locked in competition with Davis Love III to determine the outcome of the last of the year's four major champion-ships. He and Love had opened up a seven-stroke lead over Tom Kite, the US Ryder Cup captain, and Lee Janzen, the 1993 US Open champion.

tenth at Troon, was three over par after 54 holes, ten strokes behind Love and Leonard as he left the cool of the club-house and walked in the

"I fhink that my experience at the British Open helped me to play very well today," Leonard said on Saturday. "I felt very comfortable out there, very relaxed. That gives me confidence going into tomorrow and, having been in a similar situation with the chance to win going into the last day of a major championship, I think I'll be able to draw on that experience tomorrow."

The greater pressure is on Love, who has yet to win a major championship, as he is probably reminded every day
of his kie. "Justin is running
on a high, he's got a lot of
confidence." Love said. "I'm
going to have that "rying to
win the first one pressure. If he drives it in the middle of the fairway, he has an advantage. If I drive it in the middle of every fairway, I've got the advantage. It will come down to who can hit the best shots."

After his best round of the

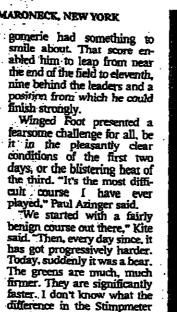
week, a 67, Colin Mont-

DETAILS FROM MAMARONECK

finished eight over par, said.

Bjorn partnered Costantino

erset in four weeks' time.



are at least a foot and a half faster today."

It had been a good week for Thomas Bjorn, even though he complained of tiredness at the conclusion of his fourth round. "It is so tiring having to be so focused all the time." he said. Biorn redeemed his had third round, a 77, with a 71 yesterday. It did his morale good, enhanced his position in the Ryder Cup table and confirmed that the injured tendons in his left knee had recovered. "I had a good putter this week," Bjorn, who

reading from Thursday to

today is, but I would say they

finish strongly.

Rocca and the Italian spoiled his best efforts in the first two rounds, after which he was two under par, with rounds of 79 and 78. Rocca three-putted the 16th and 18th greens, his 70th and 72nd holes, and he was angry with himself for a long time after he had finished.

Shaun Philipson, of Prudhoe, got the most important month of his amateur career off to the best possible start yesterday when he beat Grant Thomson, of Murrayshall, to win the British mid amateur championship at Prestwick. Philipson lost a three-hole advantage over the last four holes, before eventually securing the title at the 19th when Thomson three-putted. Philipson makes his England debut in the home internationals at Burnham and Berrow in Som-



Leonard has shown signs of increased maturity in his play at Winged Foot

Dominant Webb wins second British Open title



Webb: emotional

By PATRICIA DAVIES

KARRIE WEBB killed off the Weetabix Women's British Open at Summingdale with a scintillating course record of 63, nine under par, on Saturday, and duly carried off the title for the second time in three years despite the odd glitch yesterday.

Webb's display of mastery was almost Tigeresque and the frighteningly talented 22-year-old from Queensland could afford a ropey outward half of 38, with bogeys at the 2nd, 7th and 9th, before she settled down with three birdies coming home to win by eight shots (the margin at the start) from the dogged American, Rosie Jones.

Jones sank a 20-foot birdie putt at the last to snatch second place from Annika Sorenstam, the world No 1,

who played much more like her old self, finishing with a 67, after some recent signs of human frailty. The Swede never likes to concede defeat and she knew that she was too far back to win, starting 13 shots behind Webb, so she made a good finish her target. Sorenstam ensured that by surging out in 31 with five birdies in the first eight holes. She also birdied the 14th, to move into second place, but

Jones her chance. For the fourth successive round. Webb, who led from the first day, broke par scores of 65, 70, 63 and 71 explain her dominance — and there was really no cause for anxiety for her friends and family, who were hugging the telephone in the wee small hours at home in Ayr, the

18th to drop a shot and give

Townsville. "I'm over the moon," the new champion, whose 72-hole

total of 19-under-par 269 was an Open record, said. Then she burst into tears at the presentation. This is very special for me," she explained. because it brings back memories of the win in 1995, which was my first tournament win. I played great golf this week, everything just clicked and fell drove into the rough at the into place." On a calm, clammy after-

noon (it rained over the closing holes), Jones birdied two of the first three holes and Webb bogeyed the 2nd, to cut the gap to five shots, but there was never any real doubt about the destination of the first prize of £82,500.

Laura Davies, who heads back to the United States this week to defend the Star Bank

small sugar town near LPGA Classic in Ohio, found Townsville. LPGA classic in Ohio, found the ideal solution to her putting woes at the 1st hole she chipped into the hole for an eagle three. She was on her third putter of the week, a mallet-headed number of polished wood, sent to her by a company called Louisville Golf and it performed well enough to do duty in the last

FINAL SCORES

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated 299: K Webb (Aus.) 65, 70, 63, 71, 277: R Jones (18) 70, 70, 66, 71, 278: A Sovenstam (Swe) 72, 70, 69, 67, 220: B Burton (LS) 73, 69, 71, 57, 281: C Matthrew 70, 70, 70, 71, L Hashney 74, 69, 67, 71, 282; T Bornett (US) 70, 72, 70, 70; W Doolan (Aus) 74, 70, 68, 70, 283; C Johnson (As) 71, 71, 73, 68, 284: C Sorienstam (Swe) 71, 70, 72, 71, B King (US) 71, 72, 67, 73, 285; M Harate Lippan 76, 65, 74, 70; J Lotteck (Peru) 71, 74, 70, 70; L Neumann (Swe) 68, 75, 71; I J Insister (US) 89, 71, 73, 72; B Mucha (US) 72, 67, 73, 74; Marshall 70, 50, 73, 74, H Dubson 73, 59, 59, 74, 296; C H) Korn (Swe) 76, 71, 71, 71, 68, L Lambert (Aus) 70, 73, 73, 70; A Dobos (Peru) 71, 72, 70, 73, C Dibrach (Aus) 72, 71, 70, 73.

quite live up to the start but it was a memorable day for Janice Moodie, the young Scot playing in her first event as a professional, who partnered the world No 3. Moodie started nervously with a bogey six but she had an eagle three of her own, at the 12th. She was disappointed to drop a shot at each of the last three holes but Davies was in no doubt about Moodie's potential. "She knows what she want to do and she's going to

Silvia Cavalleri, the Italian who came to Sunningdale fresh from winning the US Women's Amateur Championship, only the second European to do so, maintained her good form. She was the leading amateur with a total of 290.

make lots of money," Davies

Ballesteros in quandary over last cup place

John Hopkins reports on the tricky task of choosing between Faldo and Parnevik

he has chosen to complete his United States team for the Ryder Cup in Spain in September Whether Kite goes for the experience of Fred Couples, the youthful promise of Steve Stankowski or the consistency of Jeff Maggert, or whether he makes the most daring choice of all and selects himself as the first playing cantain in the modern, competitive Ryder Cup, the speculation will end this morning. For a while, at least, Kite will be able to sleep again.

However, for Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe captain, the pressure is increas-ing. Ballesteros announces his two choices in Germany on August 31 and every twist and turn in the US PGA Championship seemed to make the situation murkier.

Ballesteros has three outstanding players outside the top ten in the Ryder Cup points table who will earn places in his team as of right. They are Jose Maria Ołazábal, who lies twelfth, Jesper Parnevik, who is not a member of the European Tour and has to rely on being selected by the captain, and Nick Faldo, who is 22nd. The better scenario would be for Olazábal to claw his way into a position in the top ten, leaving Ballesteros free to select Parnevik and Faido. The worse scenario is that all three will fail to qualify and Ballesteros, who is expected to name Olazabal as one of his choices, will have to choose between Parnevik and Faldo.

In which case, whom should he pick? Costantino Rocca and Lee Westwood prefer Faldo, who has competed in ten Ryder Cups, has won more matches than he has lost, but is in faltering form this year. Ranked No 12 in the world. Faldo missed the cut in two major championships this year - something he has never done before - and his only victory in 1997 was in

Nick Price and Per-Ulrik Johansson opt for Parnevik, who has finished second in five tournaments in the United States and Europe this year and is ranked No 15 in the world. "Jesper would have made the American team if he were American," Els said. Garrido said: "I would pre-

Ignacio Garrido, Ernie Els.

his morning. Tom Kitc fer to have to play Nick Faldo will name the two men right now than Jesper." Price said: "I would go for Jesper on form. Nick is not handling the pressure well at the moment." Early last week, Colin

Montgomerie favoured Parnevik, perhaps remembering how the Swede had twice recently won tournaments by four strokes in which Montgomerie finished sec-ond. "He's the third-best European in the world, Montgomerie said. By Saturday, he had changed his mind: "Very few players can be one-up on the 1st tee and he (Faldo) is one of them. A Ryder Cup team without Nick Faldo would be a worse

Faido played badly at Winged Foot and was 13 over par after 36 holes. Showing courage, Parnevik birdied two of his last four holes in the second round to make sure that he played at the weekend. On Friday night, Faldo sensed that the odds had lengthed against him. "If Seve picks me," he said, "I will go down to Valderrama a week early to practise."

By one yardstick, there is little difficulty in deciding whether to plump for Faldo or Parnevik. If the Ryder Cup came down to one European against one American, then obviously Faldo, who almost won it for Europe in such circumstances two years ago, would be better than Parnevik, who has yet to demonstrate such cool determination under such

Yet, outstanding as Faido's singles record is, singles only account for one point. Team play accounts for four one foursomes and one fourball match on each of the first two

At fourballs, Faldo's record is poor by his standards. He has lost more matches than he has won, while, at foursomes. he has won or halved 11 of his 16 matches, Parnevik may offer Ballesteros more option in team play than Faldo.

Poor Ballesteros! As he frets at his home in Pedrena the captain needs the wisdom of Solomon. All the players in the United States agreed last week that the choice was a very difficult one. "I am glad I am not Seve." Thomas Bjorn said, a view that was probably shared by everyone.

FALDO'S RYDER CUP RECORD

Since his debut in 1977 Nick Faldo has not missed a Ryder Cup and holds the record of 10 appearances for Great Britain and Ireland or Europe jointly with Christie O'Connor. Dai Rees was also



selected for 10 matches but the 1939 match never took place.

EQUESTRIANISM: LOCAL RIDER EARNS DREAM HICKSTEAD WIN AS FAVOURITE FUNNELL SETTLES FOR SECOND

Popely powers to Derby triumph

By JENNY MACARTHUR

IT MAY not have been a vintage Peugeot British Jumping Derby, but there was nothing second-rate about John Popely's win at Hickstead yesterday on Sight and Sound Bluebird. In sultry. humid conditions, the 29-yearold former computer pro-grammer trainee claimed the E24,000 first prize, the richest in British showjumping, after recording the only four-fault

round over the Derby's exact-

ing 16-tence course. It's an unbelievable feeling." Popely, who lives two miles from the course, said. "I feel like a kid whose dream has suddenly come true. I used to watch Schockemöhle and all the other great names winning, but I never thought l'd join them. People talk about competing at the Olym-pics and world championships, but all I wanted to do

was jump in the Derby." It is the richest as well as the most prestigious event Popely has won since he gave up computer programming ten years ago to concentrate fulltime on horses. The Irish-bred Bluebird, by Specktrach, was bought by his mother. Anne, as a five-year-old from Nick and produces its share of Skelton. After numerous wins drama. Yesterday, when only on the county show circuit in seven of the 29 starters complet-

included in the team for the 1994 Aachen Nations Cup. Until yesterday, the British win in Aachen was the highlight of Popely's career. William Funnell, the British

favourite, who had thought -

after second place in the Derby Trial on Friday — that this might be his year, had to settle for second place. His horse, Cornex, one of the most experienced in the field, hit fence 8b on top of the Derby Bank, the smallest on the course, and then refused at fence 13. Funnell, who was joint fourth two years ago, was nonphissed by the knockdown, but attributed the refusal to losing a shoe going through the Devil's Dyke. "He's had trouble fromcoms all week and, when he lost the shoe, it must have been sore - I think he was brave to

finish," Funnell said. With many top European riders, including the five leading Britons, competing at the Valkenswaard Show in Holland, yesterday's event was never destined to be a vintage one, but the nature of the Derby, with its terrifying 10ft bin drop off the Derby Bank and huge spread tences, is such that every event is absorbing

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ed the course in 12 faults or under, was no exception.

Daniel Meech, of New Zea-

land, who works for Paul Schockemohle, the German businessman who earlier this year stepped in to save Hickstead from closing, was one of the early casualties of the Bank when his horse. Future Vision, sidestepped prettily on the top, but refused to come down. After a clutch of elimina-

tions and "cricket" scores, three riders - Captain John Ledingham, on Kilbaha, the Irish favourite, Tim Stockdale, on Interview, and Peter Charles, the European cham-



Popely: agonising wait

pion, on T'Aime - raised the standard when they completed the course with eight faults eventually sharing third place. Popely, whose previous best result with Bluebird in the

event was also eight faults. went sixth and produced a copybook round until the influential Devil's Dyke, where they faulted at the last element. "I remembered Nick Skelton's advice at my first Derby to go down on the left-hand side, but we jumped in just too boldly." Popely said. He then had an agonising

12-hour wait while the rest of the field attempted to improve on his score. He was visibly relieved when Ledingham and Kilbaha, the winners in 1994 and 1995, surprisingly hit the sixth fence and also faulted at the last ("He was going perfectly in the practice arena — it just wasn't our day," Ledingham said.) Funnell then made his two mistakes, but it was not until Nelson Pessoa, 61, and Loro Piana Vivaldi, the winners last year, bowed out with a surprising 19 faults that Popely began to scent victory.

RESULTS: Peugeot British Derby: 1, Sight and Sound Bluebird (J Popely, GB) 4 tauts: 2 Comex (W Purmel, GB) 7: equal 3, Kliosha (Capi J Ladingham, Ire), Interview (T Stockdele, GB) and T-Airne (P Charles, Ire) 8. Pulsar Grand Prax of Vallanceward in Holland: 1 Top Gun La Sile (J Tops, Holland) 0 in 49.81; 2 Duff (L Nachaught, Swigseland) 0 in 49.80; 3 Premos (L Bondeum, Gert Bin 41 SP.

Bartle has last word with perfect victory

CHRISTOPHER Bartle, the former Olympic dressage rider, won the Pedigree Chum Scottish Open Horse Trials Championship with a cool, clear round in the final showjumping test at Thirlestane Castle yesterday, riding Word Perfect II. Bartle sold the horse in March to Adrian and Elaine Cantwell, who live in Hong Kong, while he was teaching there and the Cantwells travelled to Scotland to watch their new acquisition compete.

"He is such a good jumper." Bartle, a winner at Thirlestane in 1991, said. Dressage trainer to the British team, he is shortlisted for the Open European championships at Burghley next month. "His speed was so good on the cross-country yesterday because he jumps out of his stride," Bartle said. Second by a point was

another prospective member of the Burghley team, Wil-liam Fox-Piu, on his Olympic horse, Cosmopolitan II. He. too, was clear in the showjumping and had led in the dressage, but he took the cross-country more steadily — "at what I felt would be a

good three-day event speed," he said. Mary King, the champion for the past two years, took third place a further point behind on yet another team prospect, King Solomon III.

Karen Dixon, riding in the team trial, suffered a small fracture of her leg when Too Smart dropped his front legs between parallel bars on the cross-country course on Saturday. Dixon, who was thrown over onto the landing side. will probably miss the rest of the year.

The Americans and the Irish also used the championships as a final team trial. David O'Connor, the Olympic team silver medal-winner from the United States, finished fourth, while the best of the Irish, Mark Kyle, who has been competing successfully in Britain this season, won the sponsors' Pedigree Chum Accumulator, worth £1,000, on

the big grey, Irish Patriot. Sarah England, who lives in Perthshire, won the novice championship with a good all-round performance on the seven-year-old White Chief.

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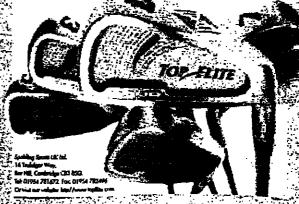
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Saqlain has Middlesex waving the white flag

By Michael Henderson

LORD'S (third day of four): Surrey (24pts) beat Middlesex (4) by an innings and 125 runs

MIDDLESEX, who went into this match in good form and nursing high hopes, failed to take it beyond tea on the third afternoon. Bowled out in 71 overs for 201, four fewer than they made in their first innings. they were guilty of something that one rarely associates with them — surrender.

Surrey, for once approaching the summit of their considerable ability, routed them. Saqlain Mushtaq, the Pakistan off spinner, took five wickets for the second time in the match and for the fourth successive innings. Three times in the match he was on a hat-trick and nobody played him with a confident bat. A match-winning finger spinner is rarer than rubies, but, for the time being. Surrey have

His first wicket yesterday was that of Mark Ramprakash, who patted back a return catch for a second-ball duck. Ramprakash has suffered two failures in this match, which means little as he prepares for the final Test

season, has taken to the Middlesex captaincy with good sense and is generally content with life.

"I am happy with the way I have played this year," he said. "I feel confident, I am looking forward to the game and to finishing the season strongly. I am still finding my feet as a captain, but I've got good people around me. Don Bennett, the coach, is still around and Gatt's here. We've had our ups and downs as we've tried to bring young players into the team, but things are going pretty well."

Middlesex have relied rath-

er too heavily on the new captain's runs this year. Gatting has made only one championship hundred and Jacques Kallis, the South African, has not underlined his talent with the kind of scores that he is clearly capable of making. He was out on Saturday evening as Middlesex began their second innings 326 runs behind.

Adam Hollioake's 182, a career-best score, was the highlight of Surrey's batting performance. He played ex-tremely well, as did his brother, Ben, against bowling that against Australia. He has was not awfully distinguished. batted beautifully at times this It was a hard job, mind. The



Confusion reigns as Johnson is run out at the same end as Pooley, his Middlesex team-mate, yesterday

pitch was good, the weather hot and, by the time the Hollioakes got going, Surrey had already built up a formi-

dable lead. Resuming yesterday on 24 for one, Pooley and Johnson, the nightwatchman, pushed the score along to 67 before Johnson, not content with three runs, was run out look-

parted and the door was open. Surrey needed no bidding to walk in and help themselves.

Gatting, having trotted seven singles, was pouched at short leg. Pooley, having reached 72, was castled by Amin, the left-arm spinner, whose action needs amending significantly if he is to have a future at this level. He makes no use of his right, pathfind-

Lewis returned to dismiss Shah; after that, Saqlain hogged the show. Dutch, Brown and Fraser went in successive overs before Hewitt drove Amin to mid-on. Surrey looked very happy with themselves and they had every reason to feel satisfied. They played excellent cricket in this match, begging the question: why has it taken them so long?

Saglain, who took ten for 116, has settled swiftly into the life of an English pro. He must return to the bosom of the Pakistan side soon, for another tuppenny-harpenny one-day bash in that wellknown cricketing country. Canada, but Surrey hope that they can delay his departure until the final week of the season, when they play Kent.

Trescothick pitches in

Yorkshire fail to cash in

By JOHN THICKNESSE

PORTSMOUTH (third day of four): Hampshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, need 47 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Yorkshire WAYWARD bowling by their

stand-in seamers cost Yorkshire the chance of a possible yesterday, in conditions as steamy as any that the last fortnight has thrown up.

After a morning lost to rain, Yorkshire wasted no time in making Hampshire follow-on from Saturday's 264 for eight. The flaxen-haired Paul Hutchison, 20, added Lee Savident to his haul to emerge from his first taste of championship cricket with seven for 50 to follow his seven for 38

against Pakistan A last week. When the 6ft 3in Hutchison quickly disposed of Hayden in the follow-on, the opening was there for a win that would lift Yorkshire two places up the table to fourth. Instead, Laney and White took advantage of some inconsistent bowling to add 123 in 34 overs before Hamilton regained the initiative by taking wickets with successive balls — Laney legbefore for SI and Smith caught at short-leg, making him another in that incredibly long line to have followed a hun-

dred with a duck. The loss of the morning should have been only a passing inconvenience when, within 75 minutes of the restart. Yorkshire took the last two wickets to enforce the follow-on and then dismissed

Their new-ball bowlers would have removed both Hayden and Laney in the first 20 minutes had justice been done. Hutchison beat Hayden, the Australian lefthander, five times in two overs with outswing, while Laney

essayed two atrocious shots off the bowling of Hamilton be-fore he scored, attempting to hit wide balls through the covers with minimum movement of the feet.

However, by the start of the second hour, Laney was batting well, in control defensively and content to wait for the though, were no way to start an innings with his team needing 220 to make Yorkshire bat again.

Good prospect as the leftarm Hutchison looked, he was noticeably less dangerous bowling to the right-handed second-wicket pair, each of whom had nine fours in his fifty. Laney also straight-drove a six off Vaughan, the more innocuous of the Yorkshire spinners. There was no doubt about his best stroke, though: a brilliant hook for four in front of square-leg off a fast bouncer from Craig White.

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FIRST CLASS COUNTIES XI:

9-389 BOWLING Abdul Razzak 24-3-128-2; Irlan Razil 16-6-43-1; Azhar Mahmood 30 5-11-64-3, Shoallo Makk 42-9-115-2; Ali Husain Rizw 34-7-79-0

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Derbyshire v Lancashire

DERBY (second day of four): Derbyshire (24pts) beat Lancashire (4) by an

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O G Cork c Hegg b Green ... 13
K J Bernett c Hegg b Martin ... 25
J E Owen b Austin 22
V P Clarke b Austin 72
I Blackwell c Crawley b Gelliam ... 42
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b Shadford ... 96
A J Hems low b Martin ... 12
D E Malcolm not out 32
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BOWLING Martin 21-6-77-4: Austin 24-7-71-2: Shadford 15-0-108-1; Green

20-6-46-1, Gallian 7-0-29-1; Walkinson

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P J Marin c Harts b DeFratas
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Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 12)

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R Brown c Farhan b Azhar

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TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): Somerset, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 239 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

THIS is as exacting and engrossing a championship match as any played at Trent Bridge this season. For the the ascendancy, as a result of Marcus Trescothick making his highest score of the season - an unbeaten 70, with seven fours - Simon Ecclestone striking 65 and Mark Lathwell 47. Nottinghamshire, if they are to win today, will have to bat as soundly as

they did in the first innings. Much of the credit for this being such an evenly-bal-anced contest should go to Steve Birks, the runner-up in the groundsman of the year award last summer and a contender to win it next month. Tony Greig, the forBY IVO TENNANT

mer England captain, nearly gave him the man of the match award after the fifth

There is something in this itch for the medium-pacers, but eking out runs is quite possible too. For instance, Nottinghamshire gained maximum batting points for the first time this season. As we are in mid-August, that is hardly anything to crow about but then Metcalfe, who made 79, has been given all too few opportunities. He faced 190 balls and struck nine fours, three of them in the first over of the day from Shine, and there were useful contributions from Franks, who finished with an unbeat-

en 42, and Evans. Nottinghamshire gained a first-innings lead of 19. They then swiftly removed Bowler, who left the crease with marked disinclination after he was caught at the wicket

off a glove hooking at Oram. Holloway soon went to a catch at second slip. Astle. taking the chance low and to

There followed the most notable batting of the day. Rarely can Lathwell, a batsman whose career, to date, has been based on some cavalier attacking, have fallen back on defence to the extent that he did now. His 47. runs took 2hr 40min and that, for him, is an inordinately long time. There was no shame in so doing, for these were invaluable runs for his So, too, were those scored.

by Ecclestone, whose innings ended when he was bowled by one of the few balls Afzaal. turned significantly. Trescothick was still there at the close, having made his second half-century of the season in only his ninth innings.

Total (117.4 overs)

Second brings

Total (4 wids) ______248
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-28, 3-127,

BOWLING: Oram 14-4-41-1; Evens

12-3-48-0; Tolley 14-1-39-2; Franks 6-1-34-0; Atzaal 18-2-62-1; Astie 8-0-17-0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings

Total (119.4 overs) 356 FALL OF WICKETS 1-85, 2-95, 3-152, 4-162, 5-176, 6-218, 7-262, 8-304, 9-356

BOMLING: Caddick 32-7-74-2; Shine 24-7-79-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 38-4-8-97-3; Rose 21-6-83-2; Burns 4-2-4-0;

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 8 Somerset 7.

Extras (0 2, 10 17, w 10, nb 6) ...

Croft comes Alleyne and Hancock through stern test on Sussex of character

WORCESTER (third day of four): Worcestershire, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 341 runs ahead of Glamorgun

THESE are trying times for Robert Croft, the proud Welshman who began the summer as the life and soul of the England team but now wears the troubled frown of cricketer under intense

His ability has been ruth-lessly questioned by the Aus-tralians, his behaviour will come under equally fierce scrutiny this week when the England and Wales Cricket Board inquires into his ugly shoving match with Mark llott, of Essex, during the NatWest Trophy semi-final, and the talk is that he will be left out of the final Test to make way for the return of Phil Tufnell.

With all that hanging over him, it could fairly be described as a test of character yesterday when he was asked to bowl Glamorgan towards the victory that they need to go back to the top of the county championship with Philip Weston, the Worcestershire opener, stretching his patience to the limit and the crowd ready to hoot densively at every sign of irustration, every hint of aggression.

The way he came through it says much for the man. He could not prevent Weston from completing a century in only nine minutes short of six hours or Worcestershire from leaving Glamorgan with much to do if they are to win today, but to bowl unchanged for 37 overs from just before lunch until the close and take three for 90 was, as the late Ken Barrington used to say, good bowling in anybody's

Glamorgan had begun the day 121 behind with two wickers in hand thanks entirely to their captain, Matthew Maynard, who had saved them from the threat of the follow-on with a quite magnificent 140 not out, which Tom Graveney, no less, said was the best innings he had ever seen at New Road.

Waqar Younis had helped him put on 100 for the ninth wicket when he was caught at mid-on for 46 and Maynard was unbeaten on 161, scored off only 145 balls with 29 fours, when Glamorgan were all out 78 behind. It looked as though Worces-

tershire might be about to throw away their advantage when Hick drove Croft to extra cover, and Moody, who had just struck Croft for four and six, holed out to long-on. Weston, however, rode his luck against Croft to reach his century off 257 balls, with 15 put brakes

BY SIMON WILDE

HOVE (third day of four): Gloucestershire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 267 runs ahead of Sussex

SUSSEX'S determination to attract new audiences in the future through imaginative scheduling of playing hours appears well-founded. Yesterday's play at Hove, the first on a Sunday in the championship there this year, drew a crowd of barely 1,000, despite the possibility of Sussex's first home championship win for 14 months. Clearly, the hordes of holidaymakers in Brighton are waiting for the next Aza Life League game.

They are missing an absorbing game of cricket. Sussex are playing well above themselves and making Gloucestershire fight every inch for what they must have anticipated would be a routine victory. Sussex claimed an unexpect

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ed first-innings lead of four thanks to a resourceful century partnership for the eighth wicket between Moores and Bates, who is playing his second championship match. When Khan, their developing leg-spin bowler, took the wickets of Windows, Church and Dawson in a worthy afternoon spell of 114-31-3 down the slope, they had their oppo-nents in discomfort at 101 for four. The enigmatic Jarvis had plucked out Trainor with the

second ball of the innings. From that point, though, Gloucestershire gradually wrested control and it would be a surprise if they do not win from here. By stumps, they were 271 for six, a lead of 267 and, on a pitch offering turn. that ought to be enough to secure them a sixth championship win today. The tide was turned by

Hancock and Alleyne, who scored 84 and 76 respectively and checked Sussex's progress by staying resolutely together during an 29-over stand during which runs were very much their second priority. Subsequently, runs came more freely, Alleyne adding 78 with Russell, who, unper-turbed by England's districtination to recall him, spent the last 90 minutes of the day putting together an impish, unbeaten 37.

Hancock and Alleyne have played better as the season has progressed. Hancock started it cariously, languishing low in order and moving to No 3 only after Cunliffe's lengthy failure there. Since then, he has played a series of solid innings. Alleyne's contribution was typical of him of late: a careless first-innings duck and runs second time around when they were needed most. He started off playing Khan with his pads, but later introduced his bat. It was a good calitain 2 minues

Sri Lanka hold on for victory

SRI Lanka withstood a world-record stand of 223 between Ajay Jadeja and to defeat India by two runs in a high-scoring one-day international in Colombo

yesterday. The fifth-wicket pair came to the crease after India. chasing Sri Lanka's imposing 302 for four, lost four wickets in the space of six runs to slide to 64 for four. However, Jadeja, who made 119, and Azharuddin, with III not out, raised hopes of a dramatic win with their defiant stand, which left India needing nine runs off over with five wickets in hand.

Navan Mongia, who joined Azharuddin at the crease after Jadeja had been caught and bowled by Chaminda Vaas in the penultimate over, was run out off the first hall.

Two singles each by Rajesh Chauhan and Azharuddin reduced the target to seven off the last three balls. Chauhan was caught by Roshan Mahanama in the covers off the fourth ball, but Azharuddin, who had crossed over, managed only two runs off each of

the final two balls. Azharuddin, playing his 250th one-day international, walked away dejected as the Sri Lankans celebrated amid firecrackers

Earlier, Marvan Atapattu hit 118, his maiden one-day century, and Jayasuriya cracked 73 as Sri Lanka made their highest score against

Tetley's Challenge Series Kent v Australians

CANTERBURY (second day of three; Kent won toss): Kent, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 120 runs ahead of the Australians

P A Strang c Langer b Lee
J B D Thompson c Ponting b Lee
A P logglesden c Berry b Lee ...

Second Innings

ET Smith flow b M E Waugh . A P Wells c Berry b Young ... W J House b Leé Total (5 wids)

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

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Tour match v Pakistan A

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KENT: First Innings

T R Ward c Berry b Kasprowicz E T Smith c Lee b Kasprowicz A P Wells c Berry b Kasprowicz W J House c Langer b Kasprowicz B J Philips c M E Waugh b Young M A Eatham c S R Waugh b Bevan

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-99, 2-159, 3-200. BOWLING Kasprowicz 13 5-4-49-1; Young 12-6-21-1, Lee 14-6-55-1, Blewett 5-2-26-0, M E Waugh 12-5-30-1, Bevan 13-2-47-1.

G S Blever run out ... 1

**S R Waugh c Marsh b Igglesden ... 1

**S R Waugh c Marsh b Strang ... 154

**R T Portong b Eathern ... 32

M G Bevan c Ward b Philips ... 55

**S Young c Marsh b Philips ... 1

10 S Beny c House b Thompson ... 12

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-31, 3-35, 4-40, 5-106, 6-264, 7-266, 8-268, 9-268. BOWLING. loglesden 18-2-56-3; Philips 15-1-57-3; Eatharn 14-3-63-1, Thomp-son 11-1-61-1; Strang 20 1-4-44-1; Fleming 5-0-27-0 Umpires: J W Holder and M J Harns

First-class counties XI

CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Palastan A, with one second-innings wickel in hand, are 99 runs ahead of Final-class countles XI

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-19, 3-20, 4-24, 5-42, 6-44, 7-44, 8-105, 9-117. Hasan Raza e Minne h Brown Hasan Haza c notorr o grown Farhan Adi c Grayson b Such †Javed Cladir c Maddy b Brown Azhar Mahmood c Niton b Brown Abdul Razzak c Grayson b Glies Shoeib Malik b Brown Irfan Fazil not out BOWLING. DeFreitas 9-2-28-3; Malcolm 9:3-2-23-6, Cork 5-0-35-1; Harris 4-0-Second Innings

A Pennon C Knikken b Cork

"M Watkinson c Knikken b Blackwell
10 Ausstn c Knikken b Harris
"W K Hegg low b Cork

R J Green b Malcolm

P J Martin not out

D J Stratford c Knikken b Malcolm

FAUL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-21, 3-74, 4-74, 5-145, 6-170, 7-210, 8-215, 9-241. BOWLING Defraites 10-0-57-0, Mal-colm 12-4-2-42-4; Cork 13-4-88-4; Har-ris 9-0-59-1, Clarke 2-0-19-0; Blackwell 7-2-27-1.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and J F Steele Hampshire v Yorkshire PORTSIAOUTH (thed day of four) Hampshire, with seven second-immigs wickets in hand, need 47 runs to avoid an immigs deleat against Yorkshire YORKSHIRE: First trinings

P D Stermp not out Extras (15 6, w 6, nb 16) Total (8 wids dec) . Score at 120 overs: 447-7 FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-39, 3-155, 4-206, 5-268, 6-379, 7-447, 8-484. BOWLING: Renshaw 23-4-101-1; Pate 18-3-65-0; Sawdent 23-7-86-2; Uda

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings S J Renshaw not out

BOWLING: Hamilton 11-1-49-0; Hurch-ison 20-4-50-7; White 16.2-2-51-2; Stemp 13-2-45-0, Vaughan 11-0-49-0; Lehmann 3-1-14-0; Morris 6-1-18-1. Second Inneces

THE WEEKEND'S SECREBOARDS AF A Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 2. nb 2) Total (3 wids) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-149, 3-149. BOWLING: Hamilton 13-2-36-2; Hutch-ison 12-4-36-1; While 9-4-18-0; Stemp 12-2-33-0; Momis 2-2-0-0; Vaughan 10-0-41-0.

Bonus points: Hampshire 5 Yorkshire 8. Umpres: J D Bond and B Dudleston. Middlesex v Surrey

LORO'S (third day of four). Surrey (24pts) beat Middlessex (4) by an unings (24pts) beat M and 125 runs MIDDLESEX: Pirst Immings 205 (M W Gatting 54; Saqiain Mushtaq 5 for 50) Second Innings

J C Pooley b Amin J H Kalls c Balty b Bicknell A L Johnson run out

"M R Ramprakash c and b Sacjain
M W Gatting c Raicillite b Sacjain
O A Shah c Batty b Laws
K R Brown c Raicillite b Sacjain †K R Brown c Ratcliffe b Sacjain K P Dutch c Butcher b Sacjain ... J P Hewitt c B C Hollinake b Amin

Total FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-67, 3-80, 4-96, 5-120, 6-175, 7-184, 8-189, 9-199. BOWLING Lewis 14-2-43-1, Bicknell 7-3-14-1; Septain Mushtap 27-6-66-5; B C Hotilopake 3-0-14-0, Amin 18:3-5-55-2; Thorpe 1-0-5-0.

SURREY: First Innings Total (9 wids dec) Score at 120 overs; 508-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-99, 3-168, 4-318, 5-461, 6-496, 7-502, 8-512, 9-531 BOWLING: Fraser 26-5-106-2, Hewitt Umpires: J C Belderstone and G Sharp.

Nottinghamshire v Somerset TRENT BRIDGE (that day of tour): Somerset, with six second-innings wick-els in hand, are 229 runs ahead of Notlinghamshire SOMERSET: First innings SOMERSE!: First sintings

**P D Bowler C Astle b Tolley

P C L Holloway c Johnson b Astle

S C Ecclesione c Alzael b Gram

M N Latitwell tow b Oram

M E Trescothick c Noon b Oram

M Burns c Noon b Oram

M Burns c Noon b Oram

TR J Turner c Alzael b Franks

G D Rose tow b Evans

Umphes: J H Hampshire and J H Harris. Sussex v Gloucestershire HCVE (third day of lour): Gloucester-shire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 257 runs ahead of Sussex. GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings N J Trainor c Moores b Khan M G N Windows b Edwards M G N Windows b Edwards
T H C Hancock c Sates b Edwards
M J Church c Edwards b Khan
R I Dawsbri c Taylor b Khan R I Dawson & Layon o Anam
"M W Alayma b Robinson
"TR C Russell Raw b Robinson
M C J Ball Raw b Robinson
R P Davis c Moores b Robinson
A M Smith b Robinson J Lewis not out Extras (tb 5, w 4, nb 22) .

Total (112.2 overs) 320
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-56, 3-76, 4-114, 5-119, 5-239, 7-292, 8-299, 9-311.
BOWLING: Jervis: 25-4-88-0, Edwards: 13-3-52-2, Robinson 29.2-9-66-5; Warn 17-5-59-3, Batter 13-3-29-0; K. Nevetil: 53-11-0; Rao 1-9-7-0. Second Innings.

Extras (62, 169, w 2, n64) Extras (b 4, to 4, no 6) .. FALL-OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-33, 3-98, 4-125, 5-136, 6-228, 7-305, 8-311, 9-318. Total (6 wids) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-69, 3-83, 4-101, 5-179, 6-257. BOWLING: Franks 28-4-84-2; Orem 19-6-53-4; Tollay 21-6-48-1; Evans 27-4-7-70-2; Astie 14-2-35-1; Alzeal 8-1-36-0. BCMLING: Jervis 11-1-42-2: Ective ats 10-1-39-0; Betes 15-1-48-0; Knen 32-7-94-3; Robinson 14-4-31-0; K Newel 7-3-9-1. SUSSEX: First landings

M T E Peirce c Davis b Lewis
R K Reo flow b Lewis
N R Taylor c and b Davis
N Rowell c Windows b Smith
K Newell c Windows b Smith

Score at 120 overs: 324-9. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-157, 3-157, 4-183, 5-187, 6-196, 7-218, 8-322, 9-322. BOWLING: Smith 22-3-89-2; Lewis 24-4-81-3; Deuts 23.4-10-35-4; Albyros 25-3-80-1; Mancock 40-4-17-0; Bell-16-10-17-0.

Bonus points: Sussex 7 Umphas: B Lauchaster and K E Palmer Worcestershire

y.Glamorgan WCRCESTER (title) day of four). Worcestershire, with three second-in-nings wickets in hand, are 341 runs about of Glanorgan WORCESTERSHIRE First Innings

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I Total (9 wids dec) ... Score at 120 overs; 379-6.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-34, 2-212, 3-295, 4-337, 5-365, 8-378, 7-397, 8-458, 9-478. 9-470. BOWLING: Wester Youris 25-7-86-1; Watids 33-11-82-0; Butcher 20-4-87-3; Thomas 27-3-1-82-2; Croft 38-11-80-3;

Second Innings. TS Curtis o Shew b Watton ... W P C Weston not out.
GA Hick e Dais b Croft
GR Hisynes low h Weston
"T M Moody e Thomas b Croft
D A Leatherdale low b Wager
V S Solanid c Powell b Croft
IS I Rhodes to Shaw b Wager
S R Lempit not out.

Forces on 12 - 8 - 10 10 Extras (to 12, w 8, mb 10) . Total (7 wide)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-69, 3-130, BOMING: Wager Yourls 18-6-36-2 Walter 19-6-40-2 Thomas 11-1-38-0; Butcher 6-1-44-0; Croft 37-8-90-3; Pow-ell 1-0-3-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings M J Powell at Rindes b Harnes

M P Meynard not out

G P Butcher o Solenid b Lampitt

A D Shaw low b Mirze

R D B Croft c and b Leatherdale

S D Thomas b Lampitt

Wager Younds o Weston b Mirze

S L Watidn o Lampitt b Mirze

Butas (b 12, w 2, nb 22) Total (88.4 overs) 398 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-72, 3-78, 4-107, 5-124, 6-155, 7-218, 8-294, 9-384.

50WLING: Sheriyar 11-3-72-1; Mirza 17-4-1-95-3; Reynes 11-1-46-3; Lampitt 11-0-82-2; Hick 5-0-27-0; Lestherdele 10-0-55-1; Moody 3-1-9-0 Bonus points: Worcesteranire 8 Glamorgan 6. Umpires: D.J. Constant and P.A. White.

First one-day international Sri Lanka v India COLOMBO (India won toss): Sri Lanka

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M S Atapositu yun out 118
R S Manarrama c Jactele o Singli 53
P A de Sihra c Kumble b Prasad 34
"A Rambunga not out 34
"A Rambunga not out 0
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R S Dravid nur out 1
A b Jadeja e and b Vess 118
N R Mongia nan out 1
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Dominant Doohan stops bikes' big break

rans of television sport. Each year is supposed to be the year that it breaks through to the broadcasting big-time, and in the 500cc racel, the BBC has each year it never quite does. A latterly concentrated its efforts lot of people think that is on the British superbikes Michael Doohan's fault.

500cc world championship at British Grand Prix ... Donington Park yesterday," but that's the thing about the pictures for Nutley and television — it is unfair. As Steve Parrish to commentate Barry Nutley put it on Sunday Grandstand: "The problem with someone being so dominant and the machinery being so commant is that it tends to

otorcycling, at least Indeed it does. Yesterday, it in Great Britain, is was all the BBC could do to one of the great also manage live coverage of the supremacy and the poor showing by British riders flust one championship, where battle That seems a little unfair on resumes next weekend at the man who won his fourth. Knockhill But, as this was the

Quite who was providing on, I have yet to ascertain. Last year, with the BBC distracted by the Olympic Games in Atlanta, it was Eurosport, the satellite channel, which acted as host broadcaster. This year, Having watched the 125cc day. The chequered flag, when Eurosport said that it was not and 250cc races in the excitable it came, was something of a as host broadcaster. This year,

them and the BBC were equally keen to distance themselves. "I suspect our international director will show us a replay

of that," Nutley said, cleverly insuring both himself and his employer should a replay of Barros shoving Abe off the track not prove forthcoming. This time, it was, but I suspect that it will be the same international director who will shoulder the blame for the astonishingly tacky build-up to the race, which featured lingering close ups of the pitlane dollies and what briefly appeared to be a beautiful bottom compention. Goodness know what Murray Walker would have made of it.

partly because the 500cc was the least exciting race of the day. The chequered flag, when

MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

company of Toby Moody and relief, but still seemed to take Dennis Noyes on Eurosport, Nucley by surprise. "I wonder the Nutley-Parrish combinaif we'll get a victory wheelie." tion sounded rather flat by comparison. That's partly because this was the BBC. was how the championship which does not go in for loud shouts of "whoah — that's the mother of all high-siders" and

as noisy as motorcycle commentary gets. Two American

moment was captured. We did

not, which seemed entirely in keeping with the prevailing Up until then, I thought that Moody and Noyes were about curious and occasionally jar-ring combination for a pan-European channel, but they are charty, enthusiastic and on site, which is three hig pluses. The big minus is the regular

ad breaks, which used to bright the channel's Formula One coverage and which can take four or five laps out of the far shorter motorcycle races. All that said, Eurosport is the only channel providing live and exclusive coverage (yesterday aparti of the FIM world

championship.

A few minutes after Doohan had passed the finish. I discovered that Moody and Noyes are positively mute when compared to the commentary provided by Keith Huewen and accents against the single Brit-

superbike championship on noisy, a decibel level rendered all the more remarkable by the

than track-side in Austria.

viding a clue as Chile and Crafar both ended up in the reporter who definitely was in Austria, duly obliged.

The big selling point of world superbikes, of course, is Carl Fogarty, the Brit, who, having won the morning race.

by the time I left. He had, Huewen said, gone into a corner "hot". The result was what Parrish would have called a high-side situation" but which on Sky merited a stereophonic "whosh" from Huewen and Ryder.

By and large, their commentary is good, if somewhat chaotic, stuff. They finish seniences for each other, correct each other and laugh at each other's jokes. It is this last habit that occasionally introduces an annoying tone of self-satisfied smugness, but that's the thing about cult commentary - it never pleases evervone. Not all the time,

The horses wear egg-cosies but it's the riders who get embarrassed on Derby day at Hickstead

Plenty of puissance but no sign of Stroller

t's not always easy to know what's going through a horse's mind, but, to judge purely by body language, there is a pretty uniform equine reaction to the famous Desire Peach forces. the famous Derby Bank (jump No 8) at Hickstead. For 37 years, it has been the same sequence of responses and it goes like this.

Wide-eyed horse gamely climbs steep slope (jump 8a), then hops over a teensy jump (8b). "What a doddle." horse thinks. "The world is a pleasant place, I'd say, and what a great view, to boot?"

Then horse takes a single, happy stride and skids dramatically to a halt, looking in astonishment down a sheer ten-foot descent. For God's sake!" he exclaims, hooves backpedalling wildly and nostrils flaring. "What the hell is this, you lunatic? Thelma and Louise?

They never change the Hickstead Derby course. It's a good sense. You see, if those massive, frightening rails, walls and ditches were made easier over the years (like A-levels), then you couldn't judge today's riders and horses by the same standards as those of yesterday.

The only (unforeseeable) trouble with this policy is that, for someone who has not watched showjumping for about 20 years, the event encourages unhelpful feelings of nostalgia for a time when colour telly was a new invention, when Raymond Brooks-Ward was a household name and Harvey Smith turned up on Christmas specials dis-guised as an unlikely Santa.

You see, I remember that wide, wide wall at Hickstead! And I also remember David Broome (sniff) and Eddie Macken! Look, the Devil's Dyke! That was always so troublesome, wasn't it? Hop over the wooden pole, then down the ditch, then another pole, then a climb and a third, impossible pole. And, now I come to think of it, wasn't there a time when the mere





words "Marion Mould on Stroller" would reduce me to tears? Stroller! Oh, Stroller! Oh God.

New to me since those happy days is the bizarre practice of encasing the horses' ears in long, thin egg-cosies, but, apart from that, nothing appeared to have changed. The drama was the same as always. Riding sixth out of 29, John Popely went early into first place with four faults, so we all held our breath for the next hour to see if anyone would go clear and beat him. Nobody did, so he won.

The course has always been good at embarrassing the hell out of riders and lots were cruelly embarrassed yesterday, with poles down and water splashed and burns on grass, and post-Bank horses visibly changing their minds about whether jumping was really the nice career they had

originally signed up for.

Because most went clear until that damn scary Bank and then well, their capacity for saintly forgiveness was obviously a factor. That pesky Bank may have taken



Richard Barton and Just Marius prepare to descend the infamous Derby Bank at Hickstead yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert / Allsport

them in a variety of ways -- some pirouetting on the verge, some gamely sliding stiff-legged back to earth — but all, rightly, looked

pained and affronted. Future Vision, ridden by Daniel Meech, dithered so splendidly hoof out, hoof back, yes, no. all right, no hang on, whoa - that he appeared to be doing the hokeycokey. A disqualifying claxon put an end to his deliberations, thank goodness. I have to say, I was

completely on his side. Yes, as I said earlier, it is often quite easy to see what a horse is thinking and yesterday afternoon provided plenty of opportunity for observation. When Clover Chief threw Geoff Luckett at the third

fence, for example, he cantered off on his own, and, to the delight and you!" he joshed, dodging. astonishment of the crowd, simply refused to be caught.

It was brilliant. We horse-lovers lapped it up and didn't want it to end. We even speculated, feverishly, that, if he continued to elude everybody, the event would have to be abandoned.

lover Chief taunted the officials in panama hats: "Catch me if you can." But, when they made a move towards his reins, it was another story. "Can't, can you?" he jeered, turning and galloping off for the umpteenth time. "OK, I'm coming in now," he promised, In the crowd, people made

encouraging "cluck-cluck" noises. but they just added to the confusion. Personally, I wanted to shout Go, go, Clover Chief! And gallop like the wind!" - though I wonder if I'm betraying my juvenile read-ing habits a bit too obviously here.

If none of the leading riders or horses meant anything to me, and if the name Mister Softee rose moistly to the surface of memory, I have to say I blame the telly. How dare the BBC treat showjumping so shamefully, subtracting it from mainstream British culture? Showjumping is exciting, and visual, and comprehensible, and, with a bit of help from the media, it breeds personalines. Plus, the horses are almost shockingly beautiful, which ought to count for something.

If showjumping's associations are with wealth, women and nobbiness, who cares? Hello! magazine noticeably manages to overcome such obstacles. Meanwhile, that almighty zizz-factory of Formula One is associated with a great deal more wealth than this.

No, by a wholly avoidable tragedy, the word "puissance" has parlance. Retrieving it from the depths of memory yesterday was such an effort that I had to have a little lie-down

Lucky I didn't go around Hickstead saying Ah. Paul Schockemöhle, I suppose nobody remembers him?" because he's now a big cheese around here, and was announcing a new plan vesterday to add a two-day event of dressage and cross-country to the Derby event. A lut of his press conference passed me by, but I have 10 say I was delighted when his mobile phone interrupted him. playing the William Tell Overture. What a fabulous choice, And whatever the horses think of it all. what a very, very nice day.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Problems of development

From Mr Geoffrey Stock Sir, Cricket's proposed re-vamp under the MacLaurin blueprint seems to miss the point. It is the three-day or four-day county champion-ship which best develops the skills and attitudes needed for Test cricket. The patient, disciplined building of an innings, the ability to bowl for long periods, and the stamina, both physical and mental, required to wear down the opposition. are all attained through playing in longer matches. The one-day game, on the other hand, frequently encourages unorthodox, risky or simply bad shots, as batsmen strive to maintain a given run-rate.

Yet the review recommends an increase in the one-day game at the expense of the championship, even though it is England's recent Test record

which is poor. It seems the real reason behind the new thinking is to bring back crowds. If that had been their brief, fair enough; but it was not. The declared aim was the improvement of the standard of cricket in our country and this intention has hardly been addressed. Cricket academies sound interesting enough - but where do the candidates for these acade-

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mies come from? The schools interested talents. But where are the resources to back up the efforts of the schools?

The demise in English cricket can arguably be traced to the 1980s when sports teachers in their droves withdrew the goodwill of after-school coaching on account of the greatly increased workload they were being asked to undertake. This, together with a general lack of funding and resources, led to a significant slump in both the quantity and quality of cricket coaching being undertaken in our schools. This is the grass-roots prob-

Jem that needs to be addressed. Youngsters all over the land are crying out for a real introduction to the game: they deserve a response, at primary school level, not later. Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY E. G. STOCK,

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From Mr Warren Knock Sir, It is hardly surprising that cricket is "in danger of becoming a minor spectator sport" (report, August 6) when it is so difficult to watch county cricker. More often than not Saturdays during the season offer little more than one or two fagends of four-day matches, the rest having finished in three days (all weekdays - working days to most people). Very

Drunken behaviour sets a test for cricket

Sir, As the lights went out on England's hopes of capturing the Ashes at Trent Bridge so too must have the desire of many cricket-loving watchers to return to the Test arena.

When will we ever again be able to attend a Test match and watch the play without concentration being destroyed by those who progressively get worse for drink and in turn become more noisy with their lewd behaviour and obscene outpourings?

Last Sunday, with about an hour of play left. one individual who had managed to spoil the day for hundreds of others in the William Clarke stand was finally asked to leave. With him 200-300 more could quite easily have gone, had Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club had any thought for the well-being of the majority who go to watch cricket. Everyone, however, is forced to listen to comments shouted at the top of the voice much worse than anything I have ever heard at a football match. Football does at least attempt to curtail the volume of alcohol any person will consume.

Cricket is in a desperate position on the playing side. Regrettably this pales into nothing compared with the problems within the ground at a Test match.

Yours faithfully. P. J. KIRBY. 10 Woodlea Grove. Little Eaton, Derbyshire.

Heat reduction

little cricket is available on Bank Holiday Mondays. Add to this the number of times when, at 6pm, with the sun burning down, play ends for the day, with an hour or two more of daylight left.

It must surely make sense to promote the real game of lour days, and to make it possible for more people to watch. Play until 7.30 or 8pm in midsummer. Play four-day matches from Friday to Monday. Promote the stars (clashes between Gough and Atherton in the Yorkshire v Lancashire match for instance).

Yours faithfully. WARREN KNOCK, Kingshead House, Birdlip, Gloucestershire.

From Mr David Morgan

Sir, Athletes from all over the world struggled to compete in the sweltering heat of a Mediterranean summer during the world athletics championships in Athens. Last year the Olympics were held in the roasting temperatures of Atlanta and before that the football World Cup took place sometimes in over 100F.

Is it not time that more attention was given to not just where such sporting events are held but when? There seems to be much competition to stage international sporting events but absolutely no consideration is ever given to the

athletes, sportsmen and officials who have to perform or officiate at them. To hold any sporting event in temperatures often in excess of what the human body can successfully cope with is as unacceptable as it is foolhardy. It is surprising that nobody has died of heat stroke at one of these events; one day someone surely will.

Surely it is not beyond the capacity of the organising bodies to stage such events at a time and in conditions more favourable to those involved. Yours faithfully, DAVID MORGAN,

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Light out of darkness

From Dr Neale Fretwell

Sir. As one of the 24.516 who sat patiently for nearly 30 minutes whilst repairs were effected to the electrics at Pride Park stadium, Derby, last Wednesday evening, I was disappointed at the decision not to resume play after 9.30pm. During the power failure a

solitary announcement advised that repairs were in progress and that all should remain seated, implying that a restart of the game was expected. At 9.30 local radio broadcast that the referee, Uriah Rennie, in his first Premiership game, had set a deadline for the resumption of the game and that this point had arrived; therefore the game was abandoned. No formal announcement had been made at

this point. Spectators with radios had begun to leave the ground, when the floodlights resumed normal service, prompting a swift return to our seats and an expection that the game would resume shortly. To everyone's dismay, the game was abandoned, with the stadium bathed in light and the players having only just left

the pitch. The officials involved seem nf5@leicester.ac.uk

to have lost sight of common sense and stuck to a single inflexible decision, to avoid later accusations of dithering or incompetence from the

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visiting side's management. Among both sets of speciators many would have waited calmly until midnight if David Mellor's football task force needs to address exactly this kind of issue, where the real losers are the attending

supporters, many of whom have incurred increasingly large, non-refundable expenses to attend an enjoyable game, that could with a minor amount of flexibility and logic have been completed. The regrenable evidence of supporters' frustrations were

witnessed by many outside the ground as isolated incidents of sporadic violence towards small groups of Wimbledon supporters occurred. I sincerely hope that Rennie.

the police and the Football Association fearn something from this evening, rather than just sweep it under the carpet and lay the blame at Derby County's door, which I suspect will be the case.

Yours sincerely. NEALE FRETWELL Department of Biochemistry. Leicester University. University Road.

This week in THE TIMES



Tomorrow

With the start of the Ebor meeting at York, The Times introduces Timekeeper, an exclusive speed ratings service, to help in the search for horse racing winners

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Eddie Jordan talks of his plans to join the magic circle of elite teams in Formula One

Managers draw satisfaction from shared points in game of few chances

Strong candidates fail to impress



WOLVERHAMPTON WNDRS 0 SHEFFIELD UNITED 0

> By Oliver Holt Football Correspondent

IT WAS 90F outside, but the Molineux stalls were serving colfee. not cold drinks, on Saturday. In the press room, they laid on some piping hot chicken soup by way of half-time refreshment, with not an ice-cream in sight, and the team sheets that the Wolverhampton Wanderers officials distributed said that they were playing Crystal Palace, not Sheffield United.

The weird scenes inside Sir Jack Hayward's goldmine continued out on the pitch. Wolves and Sheffield, thought, tentatively, to be two of the best teams in the Nationwide League first division this season. contrived to produce a game that rarely rose above the mediocre and singularly failed to seize its chance to impress on a weekend when the FA Carling Premiership lay idle. Robbie Keane, the young Wolves

midfield player who earned rave reviews after he was plucked from the youth team to score twice on his first-team debut at Norwich City a week earlier, showed flashes of class but was disappointingly quiet. Steve Bull was substituted 15 minutes into the second half and the ageing Paul McGrath easily stifled what little Wolves could throw at the Sheffield defence.

Half-chance after half-chance went sailing over the bar at either end and Atkins caused a rare moment of hilarity when he galloped forward with the ball early in the second half and fell over it while at full tilt. Deane, who looks a far more dangerous and composed forward at this level than he did in the Premiership, missed two of the visitors' best chances, a sidefooted volley well-saved by Stowell after 13 minutes and a falling header midway through the second half that the goalkeeper

again did well to keep out. Wolves, whose team has been badly hit by long-term injuries to five key players and who are chasing Sasa Curcic, of Aston Villa. often found it bafflingly difficult to work the ball out of their own defence. Even though they came closest to scoring, when Goodman's header from Froggatt's cross



Goodman, the Wolves forward, strives in vain to break the deadlock during the goalless draw at Molineux on Saturday

on the half-hour hit a post, their back four struggled consistently to move the ball out of defence, playing it from one to the other before giving up looking for the short ball to midfield and hoofed it up towards Goodman and Bull.

Afterwards, both managers professed themselves delighted with the result. Both said how good the other team was. Mark McGhee, the Wolves manager, who was quoted in the programme as saying he had had the mother of all summers of discontent" after failing to win promotion last season, said that even at this early stage of the campaign, it would have been "disastrous" if Wolves had ceded three points to a team who are likely to become rivals in the race for the Premiership.

If either of the managers could take solace from the result, which leaves the teams bracketed together at fifth and sixth in the table with two games played, it was Nigel Spackman, revelling in his first game in full charge of United since he was upgraded from caretaker manager on Friday and given a three-year contract.

His own performance, that of a confident, innovative and articulate young manager, was the best of the day, on or off the pitch. With men like Mark Hateley and Chris Waddle, Spackman, the former Chelsea, Liverpool and Rangers player, is in the vanguard of a new breed of manager passionately committed to passing football and acting with the courage of their

His left wing back, Wayne Quinn, was probably the best player on the pitch, angling in a succession of dangerous crosses that neither Deane nor Katchouro could quite finish off. In the Sheffield midfield, Mark Patterson sprayed the ball about with aplomb with his left foot and Nicky Marker played his usual, uncompromising role just in front of the back four

"I was very satisfied," Spackman said. "I thought the lads played extremely well against one of the better sides in the division. Hopefully, Wolves will be up there with us at the end of the season. I think we had the best two chances in the game, but Mike Stowell made two

"As far as my job is concerned, it

is a stressful life and sometimes it is hard to enjoy the game. You have just got to go into the job with confidence in your own ability, confidence you can do things as well as some of the past managers and learn fast.

"It is a young manager's game at the moment and I think that shows in some of the football that is being played across the leagues. It is becoming more of a passing game again with a few different formations. But this is a tight division. It

is going to be hard to get out of it." 15 gOTHS OF THE LATE OF SELECTION WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-3-1-2): M Stowell — J Smith (sub: J Wight, S2mm), K Curle, S Sedgley, D Nutbicki — M Alfons, D Ferguson, S Froggett — R Kesne — D Goodman, S Bull (sub: M Pastelsen, 60) SHEFFIELD UNITED (3-6-2): S Tracey — D Holdsworth, P McGrath, C Tier — V Borboles, M Tables and J Market D Laters W Outin — M

Discordant note struck by sound of the suburbs

AS Alex Ferguson relishes a second decade of pot-hunting with Man-chester United, those living in the ever-lengthening shadows of Old Trafford can only dream of such grandeur and job security. That the demand for success over mere survival is now so great even in football's suburbs perhaps ex-plains why this match at Edgeley Park on Saturday was such a

conspicuously joyless affair.

It should have been a celebration: Bury have not performed at this level since 1969, Stockport County since 1958 and both teams might have been expected to be basking in the afterglow of promotion to the Nationwide League first

division. It was anything but. Players on either side were so

were thin on the ground. Yet to accept an invitation to manage either of these clubs since the Second World War has meant, on average, only some 18 months' employment, which perhaps explains why both Stan Ternent and Gary Megson delivered such sombre assessments of their teams' ambitions. Tement, having led Bury from the brink of relegation into the Vauxhall Conference to



By Keith Pike

man living on borrowed time. long, hard season up against a

on a free transfer, provided Bury's best moments. Twice he might have scored, but all too often his vision was lost on colleagues much

Megson, trying to build on Dave Jones's achievements, has a hard act to follow. Marsden hit a post and Angell twice had headers expertly saved by Kiely, but Stockport appear extremely vulnerable in the first division jungle.

Crewe left pondering high cost of failing to sign Hughes



CREWE ALEXANDRA 2 WEST BROMWICH ALBION 3 By Bill Edgar

CREWE Alexandra fans, so accustomed to watching the fruits of their club's acclaimed youth academy, witnessed a star turn by another youngster with FA Carling Premiership potential on Saturday. Sadly for them, this time he was

playing for the opposition.

Dario Gradi, the Crewe manager, is the longest serving in the league and arguably its greatest producer of talent. However, he once rejected the chance to sign Lee Hughes because Kidderminster Harriers' asking price was too high. Instead, Hughes joined West Bromwich Albion in the summer and, as is the way of these things, he ruined Crewe's first home game at this level for 101 years with two late goals to put his side joint-top of the Nationwide League first

"He's a local player and has been a West Brom supporter all his life," Ray Harford, the Albion manager, said. "It's a dream for him." And for Harford, perhaps, who reveiled in the performance of the 21-yearold striker who stored 30 league goals last season as Kiddenminster finished runners up to Macries-field Town in the Vauxhall Conference. That was performance was no fluke, obviously, for, on Satur-day, Hughes demonstrated excel-lent balance, composure and clinical finishing after coming on

as a 57th-minute substitute. Albion took the lead when Hunt converted a 25th-minute penalty after he was tripped by Lightfoot, but Crewe hung on against a superior side and even went ahead throught goals by Adebola and Rivers either side of half-time. For a while, the inhabitants of the hunble Gresty Road ground could dream of successes to come. Then Hughes emerged to cause havor for defenders who seemed to tire in the

The home side, shorn of Danny Murphy and Robbie Savage this summer after they took the wellworn route from Crewe's midfield to the top flight of the English game, hope that Kenny Limt and Seth Johnson, aged 17 and 18 respectively, will benefit shortly from Howard Wilkinson's Eng-land Under-18 get-together. The midfield pair, whose predessesors also include David Platt, Neil Lennon and Craig Hignett, were both comfortable on the ball and showed good vision, but, under-standably, they lacked steel and, as the game wore, that was to prove

Both managers were in good humour afterwards, Harford showing no signs of the miserable look that once supposedly has-tened his dismissal by Luton Town. and Gradi, despite two successive league defeats, displaying the selfassurance borne of 14 unbroken

years in charge. Harford, the ninth manager recruited by West Bromwich during Gradi's reign, believed that the result was fair. We were by far the better team in the first half. We should have been three up," he

Gradi agreed that the visitors deserved to win the first league meeting between the sides. "We're finding out that some players can't cope and I have to do something about it," he said, laying the blame squarely on his relatively elderly back four. Fresh young defenders at Crewe should stand by for their

CREME ALEXANDRA (4-5-1): J. Keerton — L. Unsworth, C. Lightfoot, A. Westwood, S. Smith. — K. Lunt, P. Chemook, S. Johnson, S. Gervey, D. Adebole. — M. Rivers.
WEST BROMICH ALBION (4-4-2): A. Miller — P. Holmes, P. Merdon, S. Murphy, S. Micholson — S. Rynn (subt. D. Smith, 32mm), R. Sneekes (aut. 1 Hamilton, 85), P. Butter, K. Kithere — A. Mort, P. Peschisondo (subt. L. Hughes, 67).

Lisbie strike ensures that slick Charlton survive late panic attack



CHARLTON ATHLETIC 3 **OXFORD UNITED 2** By Brian Glanville

DENIS SMITH, the Oxford United manager, left The Valley a disgruntled man. He did not quite say, as boxing managers famously do, "we was robbed", but he implied it. He thought Oxford had scored three rather than two goals and that only the referee knew why he had disallowed Stuart Massey's first-half header (probably for

pushing)
Smith thought Charlton's opening goal after 20 minutes should have been given offside and, with some substance, that Mark Kinsella might have been sent off when, in the second half, he fouled Bobby Ford as he was racing through. Alan Curbishley, the Charifon manager, merely philo-sophically said: "I think everyone can see two sides to it. I thought it was a comfortable victory."

Well, it should have been, but as Curbishley admitted, his young team, already weakened by absences, positional changes and the need to bring on several substi-tutes, tended to panic near the end We made it hard for ourselves." he admitted "At 2-0, we were playing time out."

It went to 2-1 when Aldridge Charlton responded with a third goal by the 18-year-old Kevin Lisbie, in the ninetieth minute, but there was still abundant injury time for Oxford to get another when the Charlton goalkeeper, Petierson, brought down Gray just inside the box and Jerason put the penalty away.

In a match notable for the debut

of the youngest player in their history — the coolly precocious 16-year-old defender, Paul Oxford looked a sluggish, uninventive side, coming to life only in spurts and spasms. Charlton were far more enterprising and co-ordinated, though Curbishley blamed the newly-laid pitch for the fact that his speedsters could not

get away from their opponents as they ideally might. John Robinson, the Wales inter-national midfield player, who will probably have to drop out of his country's match this week, had been fighting a virus for days, but you would hardly have known it. He was the lively inspiration of the Charlton midbeld and took most of the credit for their first goal. Rather than wonder whether Steve Jones, who scored it had wan-dered back from an offside position. Smith might ponder the billings of his central defence, too slow and ponderous to stop Robinson bursting through, though they felled him painfully in the end. The blocked ball ran loose to

Smith might also censure his defence for Charlton's second goal. Beating one man, Mendonca took the ball up to Purse, who half-committed himself, was beaten in his turn and thus enabled Mendonca to score with a sween:

Jones, who scored.

ing cross-shot. Nor was Charlton's third goal unavoidable. Oxford's left-flank defence was culpably absent when! Lisbie thundered from the right on to Keith Jones's pass and drove the ball home. Purse gained some solace with his goal, but Lisbie's deservedly restored the balance.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (35-2): A Peterson — Rutas, S Baimer, P Knrchesty — S Brown (sub: K Nichols, 50mer, sub: K Liebie, 27), J Robbsson, (sub: P Chappie, 82), K Jones, M Khasila, S Newton — Chiepidonos, S Jones, Chappie — Chiepidonos, S Jones, Chappie — Chiepidonos, S Jones, Chappie — Chiepidonos, S Jones, Chiepidono, D Pure, P Glichist — S Massey, Rord, United — S Massey, Rord, United — S Massey, M Cray, 41) — N Berger (sub: M Activide, 55), N Jerson, 41) — N Berger (sub: M Activide, 55), N Jerson.

News hound in the doghouse

ON PAGE 30 of the programme, the advertisement for the Reading Evening Post urged its readers to "Follow The Hound" — Clive Baskerville, its Reading Football Club reporter of many years standing. Had the advice been taken literally on Saturday, the Hound's lair in nearby Tilehurst would have become a crowded, bubbling

mass of humanity.

Baskerville was not at Elm Park. He was at home, tending to his garden and listening to the radio. He had been banned from the ground, by John Madejski, the chairman, for daring to record the eve-of-match comments of Jimmy Quinn, the former joint playermanager of Reading.

Quinn had left the club in May, with Mick Gooding, his managerial partner, by "mutual consent". They were replaced by Terry Bullivant, the Barnet manager, whose summer recruits included Linvoy Primus and Lee Hodges, from Barnet, and Carl Asaba, the Brentford striker, for a combined total of £1.3 million. Madejski personally funded the deals.

As a former player with Swindon Town, Quinn was eminently qualified to analyse the respective merits of each side. "It wouldn't surprise me if Swindon won," he said. However, it was his barely disguised contempt for the manner of his departure from Elm Park that caused the ructions.



READING 0 **SWINDON TOWN 1** By Russell Kempson

Elm Park ten years ago, said. "I had four players from a higher level lined up and that's what was needed to take the club forward. but I was kept waiting on the moves because the money wasn't forthcoming.

"Yet the chairman, to justify the new manager's appointment, has given him a lot of money to spend on lower division players - and that's why I think they'll struggle. They've taken a backward step and expect Swindon will be a much better bet to do well this season."

A severe attack of sour grapes, perhaps, yet apparently mild compared to the version that appeared in the Swindon Advertiser. Still. Madejski was not amused. Baskerville was hounded out, missing only his fourth Reading match in eight seasons, and the derby went ahead amid a background of bitterness and bewilderment.

"I'm not happy with the way things went." Quinn, who scored the goal when Swindon last won at

imaginary "Didcot Triangle", which also includes Oxford United, is everything.

What transpired, though, was a limp apology of a Nationwide League first division fixture. Cuervo, Swindon's skilful French import, did his best to enliven proceedings and so did Lambert.

the talented yet underachieving Reading midfield player. However, after Swindon had gone ahead in the sixteenth minute, when Hay jabbed in Leitch's thoughtful pass, the match deteriorated into a predictable bore. Reading attacked, at pedestrian pace and without a hint of imagination, and Swindon sat back and

soaked up the sporadic pressure. Builivant's job has been made awkward not by Quinn's acid observations but by the long-term losses of Morley, Lovell, Hunter and Caskey because of injury. Houghton, away on World Cup

duty with Ireland, was also absent. Once they have returned, Reading should offer a more potent threat. Once Bullivant and his new boys have settled. Reading should survive. And once Quinn's remarks have been forgotten, the Hound

should be back on the trail. READING (3-5-2): S.Mautone — K. McPherson, D. Wdowczyk, L. Phrnus — M. Booty (sub: M. Meaker, 70mm), A. Bemal, J. Lambert, P. Hotsgrove (sub: B. Gasgow, 75). S. Swales — C. Asaba, L. Hodges (sub: N. Roach, 60).

(sub* N Robert S0)

SWINDON TOWN (3-5-2) F Digby — M
Seagraves, M Roberson, A McDonaid — F Derrae,
P Cuevo (sub* D Bullock, 83), S Leitch, T Gooden,
J Drysdale — W Alison, C Hay (sub* S Finney, 46,
sub* M Walters, 86).

clearly afraid of making mistakes that they inevitably made them by the score, and the post-match vibes were negative in the extreme. It was little wonder that, like goals, thrills and vocal support, smiles

promotion in successive seasons. nonetheless managed to sound like



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The reality is that both managers probably realise that they are in for plethora of big-city institutions.

Andy Gray, signed from Falkirk

happier to scrap for possession than run into space.

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68mm), C Maraden — A Armstrong (sub: A Mutch,
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C Luckett, P Butler, G Armstrong — N Dens, A
Gray, L Johnnose — D Johnson, A Bettersby, B
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Venables thrives in guise of man of many roles

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confused. On the one hand, he is the coach of the Australia national team. with an apartment overlooking Syd-ney Harbour and a squad of players spread liberally from Southampton to the Sunshine Coast. On the other, he is chairman of Portsmouth Football Club, one of dozens of FA Carling Premiership wannabes. Add sundry other business interests and any normal human being would be reaching for the paracetamol and having a long fie down. Terry

Venables seems to be thriving on it. Indeed, quite what capacity he was filling at Fratton Park on Saturday is anybody's guess - chairman, national coach or even managerial guru to Terry Fenwick, his protegé now in charge of team affairs at Portsmouth. No matter: his day was, respectively, good, good and good. There is even the prospect of an American billionaire - a billionaire, mind - ready to hand over oodles of cash to turn Portsmouth into the next big thing. Venables said he was enjoying him-

Such a contrast to the angry Venables, embroiled in court proce ings and embittered by partings with England and, before that, Tottenham Hotspur. This was the old Tel, El Tel. tanned, smiling and surrounded by autograph hunters and photographers like a star at a premiere.

Best of all, that complicated life is dovetailing well. Australia may be 11,000 or so miles away, but many of their players are based in Europe and, if they are not, they probably soon will be. Portsmouth have signed five so far, problems with work permits notwithstanding, for an obvious reason.

"Terry Venables was a very big motivation for coming here," John Aloisi, a 21-year-old striker from Adelaide - via Standard Liège, Antwerp and, latterly, Cremonese - said after Port Vale had been dispatched in summary lashion. "Australians are very happy that Terry Venables is there, especially the players. I haven't worked with a coach as good as him before. "The work is clearly paying off. Aloisi scored Portsmouth's first and looked a fine prospect.



PORTSMOUTH 3 PORT VALE 1 By Peter Robinson

According to Venables, he is not alone. "Craig Foster is an outstanding player, for example [Portsmouth signed him last week from Sydney Marconil, and there are others. The Australians are technically good and, as we have seen in other sports, they are very competitive." Venables add-ed that he and Fenwick were looking to sign more good players, not just Australian ones, although they may not rush into the transfer market just yet, if this win is anything to go by. Portsmouth beat Port Vale with

ease, helped by some dismal defend-ing from their visitors. Glover's backwards header presented Aloisi-with their first, which he accepted with a sweet volley, some absent marking their second, which Svensson, a twice-capped Swede, slid home with aplomb after a sweeping move down the right. Talbot's miskick, back pass, whatever it was, ave Svensson his second just after half-time, rather wasting the fine 20yard drive just before the break with which the striker had given Vale

hope of snatching a point. It was a worthy victory at an old ground undergoing some overdue rebuilding work, but while everybody was keeping their feet firmly on the ground, pointing out there is a long way to go and, well, you know the rest, there are, as ever with Venables, bigger things on the hori-zon. At Portsmouth, it is the Premier ship and the chance to prove a thing or two to those who wrote him off after his problems at Tottenham With Australia, it is the World Cup: Even on Saturday, as he gamely

matter of a play-off against the fourth-best team in Asia to consider — "that is going to be tough, there are some very good sides there"—his eyes lif up at the prospect of taking the Aussies to France 98. "And don't forget Uzbeki stat, who are unbeaten, "he said as he ran through a list of possible opportunits in the qualifying play-off in November. As if With players like Viduka, at Croatia Zagreb, and Okon. the Lazio sweeper, to call on, he must fancy his chances.

He and we will find our soon enough if the World Cup make beckon. Then, surrounded by the media scrum that appears to track his every move, Venables may cast an eye to the heavens and pray. Please please, please, please can we be drawn in the same group as the Poms." That is, if the Poms notably Poms." That is, if the Poms notably Poms. "That is, if the Poms notably Poms." That is, if the Poms notably Poms." The Poms of the Poms notably Pomson, A Whitened, D. Waterston in S. Jones, Marker, F. Surpson — P. Hail H. Safetinen into the Marker, Surpson — P. Hail H. W. Safetinen into the Pom Valle (4-4): P. Massieriche — A. Tankari Pom Valle (4-4): P. Massieriche — A. Tankari Corden, A. Portson, J. Boster, 61). A. Tankari Corden, A. Portson, J. Balleton P. Marker, R. Marker, P. M

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Far from the glamour of Premiership football, struggling clubs are facing fight for survival

Hereford miss chance to ease the pain



sees Welling inflict yet more trauma

TWO new photographs adorn the wall of the broom cup-board that doubles as Graham Turner's office One depicts him walking, in a state of shock, through a line of riot police, who are advancing on exultant Brighton supporters. The other, taken in the dress ing-room immediately after his Hereford United team had lost Football League status, is a study of collective despair.

If a picture is worth thousand words, the sight of grown men, sprawled on benches, stripped to the waist and weeping uncontrollably represents a football fable. Yet, in Hereford's position, words are worthless. They are beyond rhetoric, beyond redemption if the evidence of their opening Vauxhall Con-ference match on Saturday is to be believed.

A 2-1 home defeat by the musclebound mediocrities of Welling United maintained the pain of a uniquely tran-matic summer. Turner has aged in the 107 days since Brighton survived at Hereford's expense. His face is paler, thinner. "I've never worked as hard in my life," he said with a sigh, but the intensity with which he twisted a ten-pence piece in his palm was infinitely more

Edgar Street is the theatre of broken dreams. The managing director has resigned, along with the commercial manager. The public address announcer has been sacked for defying an order to stop playing records for tearful fans who wanted to linger in the ground on the fateful, this sort of situation But to afternoon of May 3, when

ion was confirmed. orize buil, has been replaced. by a volunteer, who risked club out of the League ...? heatstroke in a nylon outfit. complete with plastic horns. Advertisers have withdrawn may have the only exclusively



Rodgerson, of Hereford United, launches a cross into the Welling United goalmouth during his club's defeat at Edgar Street on Saturday are now as important as those

of a new midfield player.

ries, from overnight hotel accommodation to boardroom canapes, are a thing of the past. Given the need to slash £200,000 from a £900,000 annual budget, the cull, pre-dictably, involved the release of nine players.

The strain of meeting the human costs of recession shows. Turner, a decent man, has difficulty rationalising his inability to give young players to uncertain futures.

"At least the old pros have been around," he reflected.
"They know what's coming in have to do that to young lads, bove never had a start in

The harsh realities of a new full-time squad in the Conference, but he cannot meet the wage demands of part-time prospects, who expect fivefigure signing-on fees. He had to sell the leading scorer, Adrian Foster, to Rushden and Diamonds, the nouveau riche of non-League football. Turner's title, director of

of grandeur. He has had to

The culture shocks do not end there. Immediate intelligence is hard to gather on unfamiliar territory, although six scouts will be out watching football, encourages delusions

Conference rivals in midweek. The elation of the Welling players, who rushed to salute travelling fans.

'Edgar Street is the theatre of broken dreams . . . harsh realities crowd in'

develop the zeal of a missionary, the detachment of a mercenary and the curring of a minister without portfolio. The traditional mascot, a life, is the worst feeling in the He takes training, hustles for world Well, that and taking a match-ball sponsorship, liaises with two separate supporters groups and lobbies life are crowding in. Turner local politicians. The merits of a 10.000 all-seat stadium, envisaged on the edge of the city.

summed up a perennial problem. Hereford have fallen far down football's food chain, but are still a tasty snack for the envious or the ambitious.

Welling justify crude preconceptions of Conference football. They are a team of nearly-weres and never-willbes, built on a five-man defence that has the menace and mobility of a set of doormen at south London nightclub. They played within their considerable limitations, but deserved victory because of their

Ahead after 208 seconds, when Paul Copley, the captain, scored with a free header, they had the match won by the 27th minute, when Mark Cooper headed a second goal after Andy deBont missed a simple free kick. Tony Agana replied 13 minutes into the second half, but the crowd, in excess of 3,000, were in no mood to be appeased. They mocked the hapless deBont and barracked Tannoy announcements concerning coach travel to to-

night's match at Hednesford. Since their dignity in adversity was a key factor in the withdrawal of Turner's letter of resignation, this was ominous. "We needed to win today," the chairman, Peter Hill, acknowledged. "We are living from hand to mouth and can only survive full-time for one season." He is looking for new board members, while Turner is looking to cultivate a Dunkirk spirit.

Sympathy - he was offered free family holiday in the Bahamas by Jack Hayward, the Wolverhampton Wanderers owner, the day after the Brighton match — is not a convertible currency. Guilt is. Those photographs should remind us what we are fighting for," Turner said, gesturing towards his office wall. "I want us to remember the There's a lot at stake for

HENEFORD UNITED (3-4.3): A deBort —

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Gritt finds some home comfort against the odds

Richard Hobson finds the Brighton

manager reflecting on a hard-fought draw and a series of off-field distractions

STEVE GRITT sax back in his seat at the front of the main stand, drew breath and surveyed the Priestfield Stadium. Was there anything about the ground, he was asked, that made him feel as though he had supervised a home game? "Yes, the result," Gritt replied, after much thought. "We were strong at home last season."

Having played for Charlton Athletic during their spells as tenants at Seihurst Park and Upton Park, the Brighton manager knows how to make the best of the difficulties with ground-sharing. The key, he believes, is in making the stadium in Gillingham feel like a proper "home", even though it is some 70 miles from Brighton and Hove.

That entails travelling in cars rather than a team coach, but some of his players, afraid of being caught in traffic, were kicking their heels after arriving more than an hour ahead of schedule for their first league game on Saturday. At least they knew the route. Along Gillingham Road, two men in Brighton replica shirts knocked on the door of an elderly lady to seek

Once inside the stadium, however, supporters soon recreated the hateful atmosphere that pervaded the final months at the old Goldstone Ground. Cries of "scum, scum" rang out as David Bellotti, the reviled chief executive, appeared in the directors' box and the chants became increasingly menac ing. "Bellotti's going to die," was among the more savoury to follow, while his wife, sitting alongside, was also

targeted.

Both the club and the police have advised Bellotti to stay away from games. Seven days earlier, travelling home on the train from the defeat at Swansea, he was ejected by police at Bridgend for his own safety because supporters had become aware of his presence.

Sammy McIlroy, the Macclesfield Town manager, has played in many an inhospitastadium, but still described the atmosphere as one of the strangest he had known in football. I kept looking over my shoulder in the dugout and thought something would break out at any minute," he said. But for the strong presence of the Kent Constabulary, it might well have done.

It needs stating that the sight of Bellotti does not justify intimidation. In the toilets at half-time, two men with shaven heads decided that Bellotti was the only man to blame for the crowd's failure to direct encouragement towards their team. By this argument, any fault for the Macclesfield goal lay not with the Brighton defence. but with Wood, for getting in a cross, and Landon, for shooting into the net.

The situation is a distraction," Gritt said. "I tried to distance myself from what was going on last season, but, in some respects. I have allowed myself to be caught up in what has been going on over the summer. Perhaps it would be better if I told people to stop telling me things until everything is done and dusted."

Bellotti will lose his post when the consortium led by Dick Knight finally takes over. Bill Archer, the present club day this week and Knight, his successor in waiting, said on Saturday that the remaining legal issues will be resolved shortly - though, in the Brighton context, "shortly" can mean an awfully long

Knight was more specific on the possibility that Brighton will move "home" again, from Gillingham to Millwall, some time next month, interested parties meet on Wednesday before the Football League management committee votes on the issue on August 28.

Brighton will have to pay around £300,000 in compensation to Gillingham, having signed an agreement for two years, but a recent poll in a local newspaper revealed 95 per cent support for a move to the New Den. In the longer term, the club hopes to be



Bellotti: police advice

Waterhall, to the north of the town, for the next century. Slowly, then, muddied waters are becoming clearer and, under Gritt, Brighton are unlikely to come as close again to slipping into the Vauxhall Conference. They responded strongly after going behind and had chances to take the lead once they had levelled, through McDonald, after 62

minutes. Equally, Macclesfield, promoted from the Conference last season, have enough about them to move unwards again. At times, their passing and movement was a delight. They may prove a striker light, but, in Sodje, they possess a stylish, solid defender and a colourful character, who plays in a bandanna because his mother believes it will bring good luck. Perhaps he could lend it to Gritt.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION (4-4-2) M Ormerod — J Humphrey R Johnson, M Moms. G Hobson — S Store, J Mirston (aub: P Armstrong, Bornan), k Mayo (sub: J Westcott, 38), P McDoneld — C Maskell, P Retroth

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Yeovil aristocrats celebrate in appropriate style

THERE was a crackle of anticipation in the treacle-thick air at Huish Park on Saturday. It was charged not just by the relief that the long-drawn rituals of pre-season skirmishing were finally over, but by an eagerness to assess whether the teams will be able to scoop the substantial rewards that the Vauxhall Conference has to offer.

The Conference, reinvented as a league with a majority of clubs equipped for the Football League, is all about barging rivals out of the way to the one-team at a time entrance to higher status. The prize is a big draw. A crowd of 3,602 testified to that, although supporters do not come more committed than those of Yeovil Town and Stevenage Borlough, who shaded their hosts by an average 2.881 to 2.774 as the bestsupported club outside the League last season.

The home contingent was, of course, celebrating the return of one of the old aristocracy of the non-League world to the elite after two Walter Gammie watches one of non-League football's most famous names mark a return to the Vauxhall Conference elite with an opening-day victory

One need only look up the sepia-tint image of the great FA Cup win over Sunderland in 1949 to appreciate Yeovil's place in the game.

The slope that put fear into visiting

professionals was levelled for supermarket trolleys and Yeovil moved to their present stadium outside the town in 1990. It was the same season Wycombe Wanderers opened Adams Park. Any easy assumption that Yeovil would swiftly take the same route to the promised land disappeared into an abyss of a £750,000

debt incurred in the move. The club has clawed its way back to stability and John Fry, the chairman, believes the appointment of Norman Hayward, the former chairman of Bournemouth, as a director will help to give Yeovil the additional muscle to fulfil the dream that he shares with the supporters.

boys on the block. Founded as a parks league club in 1976, their rapid subsequent advance has been fuelled by the commitment of the local council, the ambition of Victor Green, the chairman, and the energy and acumen of Paul Fairclough, the manager. Such is his side's reputation that, after an ordinary performance in defeat against understandably pumped-up opponents. Fairclough was questioned as if Stevenage had just suffered a

rather larger calamity.

The side he built for the League. having been barred as champions because of ground-grading rules that the chib's costly court appeal has since helped to relax and then been burnt out in pursuit of Macclestield last season, has lost a backbone of players impatient to make the leap. Fairclough hoped to replace Barry

Bristol Rovers surprises the Stevenage manager not one bit with Paul Thompson, from Gates-head, only for the £15,000 signing to break his ankle and damage ligaments against Cambridge United after 70 minutes and "two superb goals" of pre-season football. The experienced Corey Browne

walked out last Thursday to join Slough Town and Fairclough said: "I spent most of last week trying to find forwards. I have spent only £12,000 in six years previously, but £30,000 already this season. The likes of Hayles were found on street corners and needed a year before they were ready. We have got players coming through our youth scheme, but they will need another year. So, I will have to buy again."

The burden on Saturday fell on Neil Trebble, who worked manfully and crafted himself the space to angle a fine equalising goal past Pennock just after half-time. Yeovil, meanwhile, revelled in the return to form and fitness of Patmore, whose challenge upon Gallagher created a simple opening goal for Pickard, a E15,000 signing from Dorchester Town, in the 24th minute. Patmore then crashed in a far-post header in the 76th minute after Engwell had tormented Marshall on the left to provoke a small pitch invasion from exuberant supporters.

"All credit to Graham Roberts, the manager," Fry said. "He runs the side very professionally. In fact, we might be semi-professionals, but I know we are a lot more professional than many of the clubs in the League at the moment." It is the small matter of who will get the chance to prove it that promises an absorbing nine

Mart promises an absorbing nine months to come.

YEOVIL TOWN (3-5-2) A Pennock.—A-J Harningan, R Cousins C White—L Harvey, C Fielder, S Browne sub S Whytble, Brimn), S Winter (sub G Memp, 45). M Enquell—W Palmore, O Pictord STEVENAGE BOROUGH (3-5-2) D Gallagher—R Kitty, W Kelly, R Toth—R Marshell, J Soloman, M Smith, S Beevor, J March—N Trebble, R Simpson (sub E Ead, 56).

Referee: L Cable

Hayles - whose sparkling start with wilderness years in the Icis League. Dunfermline revel in Celtic's confusion

Hootball matches have a habit of kicking refined concepts to all a second concepts to pieces. With a 2-1 victory on Saturday.

Dunfermline Athletic put the boot into Celtic's cosmopolitan plans. After that result on tan plans. After that result on their own ground, Celtic are now bottom of the Bell's Scottish League premier division, having been beaten in each of their first two matches. Even at this stage, the handicup is severe.

Two seasons ago, Celtic lost only once in their entire league programme, yet still saw Rangers take the title. Now, in mid-August, they have already been overcome by Hibernian and Dunfermline, who had been viewed as candidates for relegation. Saturday's result infuriated supporters, but an invigorating rage was at least more pleasurable than the debilitating melancholy that is now setthing over them.

Over the course of the summer. Celtic set in place a fresh strategy. Responsibilities would be divided between a general manager and a head coach. In addition, the latter post was given to a figure well-versed in the more enlightened ways of continental football - Wim Jansen, of Holland. The whole approach has

obvious benefits and it might even prove to be effective one day, but so far there has been only steep decline at Celtic. Theories of organisational structure matter less than the ability to put effective footballers on the field. Some will regard Bert Paton and his assistant at Dunfermline. Dick Campbell, as representatives of the horny-handed tradition in management, but it was their team that won.

A muddle of refereeing decisions produced clear justice, with Dunfermline, who had been denied one certain penalty, later finding themselves presented with a far more dubious award, which Hamish French converted to win the match. The points were not pilfered, since Dunfermline ought to have scored on two or three other

occasions. Jansen's team were always vulnerable to the counter-

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attack once David Bingham's equaliser had reduced them to recklessness. Celtic were in a panic then and tore themselves to pieces, with all thought of pattern abandoned as players resorted to rash individualism. "They ran out of the shape." Jansen said of the formless mess that he had

He was right, but it will take more than a few stiff training sessions to repair Celtic Al-though the head coach has been alarmingly incapable of exerting any influence on events at his strange, new club, he is also hampered by a shortage of excellence. Celtic's

signing policy invites criti-cism, although not through the thoughtless claim that the club has been miserly. The reverse is the case.

Given that almost a whole new ground has also been built, the outlay of £19 million in the transfer market over the past three years is astonishing. The real failure may lie in the squandering of cash on a plethora of respectable tradesman who are not quite capable of coping with the heightened demands that they face at Celtic. Now, standards that were already unsatisfac-

tory are slipping further. The club has shown prudence in its sales, but the proceeds have not been spent on men of comparable talent. Pierre van Hooijdonk was transferred for £3 million and Celtic should raise as much when they off-load Jorge Cadete, but Tommy Johnson and Darren Jackson, the forwards signed to replace them, will never score as many goals as their predecessors.

While Jock Brown, the general manager, did handsome business in securing £3 milSheffield Wednesday in return for Paolo di Canio, he must now buy someone who can supply the panache that once flowed from the Italian. Celtic require newcomers who will excite the crowd and scare the opposition.

While those supporters contemplated their lowly station, a fixture of consequence occurred at Tannadice yesterday, where Dundee United drew I-I with Hibernian. The home team took the lead after 22 minutes, through Robbie Winters.

United seemed to have weathered the dismissal of Maurice Malpas until a free kick, in the 77th minute, was harshly awarded against Sieb Dykstra, their goalkeeper, for time-wasting. Chic Charnley rolled the ball sideways and Paul Tosh, a substitute, forced home a shot through a chink in the congested area. Hibernian join St Johnstone at the top of the table and the premier division, usually rebuked for its predictability. has acquired an appealingly

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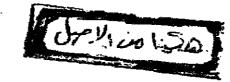
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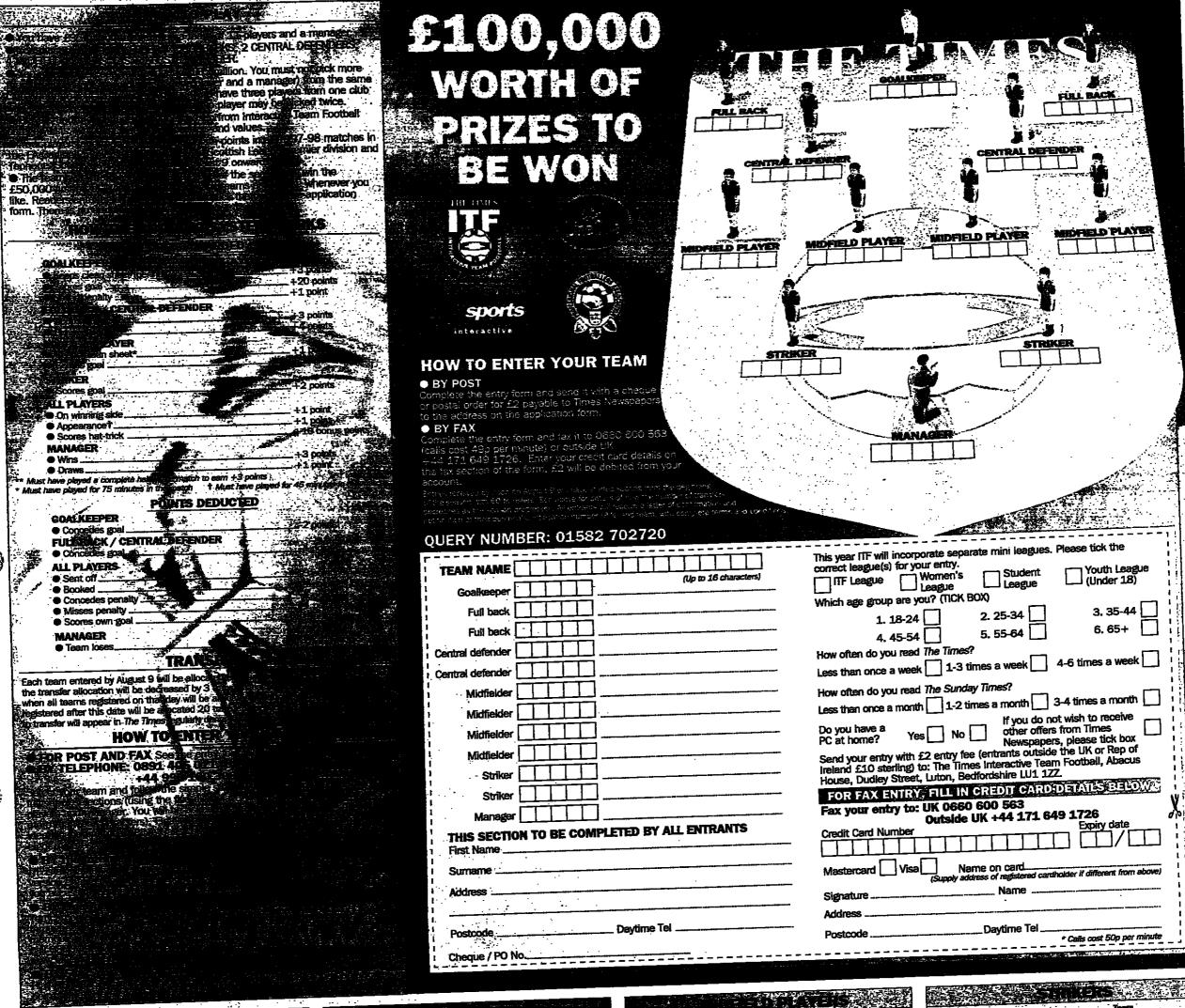
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Saracens face more work in new home

By DAVID HANDS

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

INTERNATIONAL rugby players from eight countries arrived at Watford on Saturday in a taste of what is to come to a ground more accustomed to the occasional razzmatazz of Elton John's football club. That Saracens, whose home this will be for the next five years, lost their friendly encounter with the league champions is another

hurdle to overcome. Saracens accept there is pioneering work to be done. Having tested the market at Enfield last season, they have now established their training base - their "office", as Francois Pienaar, the player-coach, describes it - in the familiar surroundings of Bramley Road, Southgate, but will work at Vicarage Road before every home match this season to try and ensure that home advantage means exactly that. The response will depend on their achievements on the field, their ability to market the game in a traditional football area and the willing-

ness of their supporters to up sticks once again. On Saturday, 3,500 basked

return for a match that came together at comparatively short notice, but well short of what Nigel Wray, the Sara-cens chairman, hopes will be

powerful case to be the No 1

BY GERALD DAVIES AFTER the song and dance of the last week or so about the eventual destination of

Gregor Townsend, Cardiff may now be feeling grateful that they were deterred by Northampton's threat of court action from pursuing the player's signature any further. The Scotsman is, of course, a man of proven quality and the envy of many a club without a player coming anywhere near his match-winning gifts, but Cardiff cannot count themselves in this category.

Lee Jarvis, once the understudy to Neil Jenkins at Pontypridd and second to Jonathan Davies last season in Cardiff, is a player of marvellous talent and to have been forced to be second string for yet another season would surely have stunted his natural development. He is ready for the first-class fray and to be given his chance to make the position his own. Why, in the circumstances, should Cardiff part with another expensive cheque?

As if to prove the point, Jarvis scored all of his club's points at Sardis Road on Saturday evening, and, for a while, it looked as though the outcome would depend on the accuracy of the boots of the respective stand-off halves. Jarvis and Jenkins had each kicked two penalties when Pontypridd were awarded another possible chance at goal. Jenkins, however, noticing Cardiff's careless relaxation, tapped the ball to himself and sent in

opponents' backs were turned. It was Jenkins's last piec of influence. Taking a hard tackle, he left the field with

Wvatt to score when their

bruised ribs and the home team were not quite so influential after that. Jarvis and Wyatt exchanged penalties before half-time and then the second half saw Cardiff play only sporadically in a manner that reflected the depth of talent at

their disposal. Jarvis scored a sparkling try, but the efforts of Leigh Davies, Hall and Wake, all; of whom had telling runs, came to nought. Yet when Jarvis kicked his fourth penalty to take Cardiff into the lead for the first time, it looked as if they would move comfortably ahead. Instead, the home team pro-

duced a <u>final</u> rally that brought them close to snatching victory. ING VICTOFY.

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by arrives.

The better league games at Enfield last season attracted an average attendance of 4,500, but Wray, whose mil-lions have allowed Saracens to delve deep into the transfer market, seeks to double that cope with 22,000. It's the econd-biggest ground for rugby in England, outside Twickenham, and people tend to find their way to places if

Ten internationals were on display against Wasps. Saracens expect to announce a signing this week, but already one newcomer. Brendan Daniel, suggests he will be a substantial draw. The leading try-scorer for Bay of Plenty last year and a member of New Zealand's sevens squad, the young wing's finishing dge that they have sometimes

At scrum half, Kyran Bracken is not expected to return from a shoulder injury until next month. In his absence, Pienaar examined his resources in the back division on the second and final quarters.

sumed their rugby and Lawrence Dallaglio, their captain. has only recently returned after a prolonged holiday in Australia Their league season will be delayed - they play Coventry next weekend in another warm up game - but they welcomed the chance to examine Vicarage Road's playing surface and general environment.

We know as champions we're there to be shot at." Dallaglio said. We've spoken about it, we think we can cope with it." He and his fellow internationals, Simon Shaw, Rob Henderson and Gareth Rees, should be available for

In the meantime, the stage was left to youngsters such as Joe Worsley and Peter Scrivener, whose two tries late in the day snuffed any flickering Saracens hopes.

Wasps have also confirmed the transfer of Jonathan Ions, the open-side flanker from West Hartlepool. lons, 22, a law graduate from Durham, was capped by England Schools and will combine working in the City with his

Jarvis puts Newport fall apart in final quarter

Bridgend

By MARK SOUSTER

IT IS rash to make predictions . on the basis of only one match. but, in a new-look league Pontypridd in the Weish

League premier division. The manner in which Newport contrived to throw away a 13-point lead after an hour will alarm Steve Jones and Steve Fenwick, the coaches at Rodney Parade. Bridgend: who lost Daffyd James to Pontypridd during the summer and only just hung on to Gareth Thomas, looked thoroughly out of sorts in the first half of a match typical of the time of year. Mistakes abounded, ball retention was poor and the quality of passing woeful.

Bridgend, however, scored 24 points without reply in the second period. It was not so much that they improved, although they did so marginally, rather that Newport decided the match was won with 20 minutes remaining. Complacency crept in followed swiftly by panic.

There had been no hint of

They had a try by Martyn Liewellyn this blowed for a amassed 189 points last year, season of only 14 games and with a visit to Swansea beck oning next Saturday, Newport another as the Newport pack could well face an uncomfort asserted itself. A salid midfield kicked four penalty goals in half an hour and missed able winter. Along with withstood Gareth Thomas's Bridgend, Ebbw Vale and affemore at breach it and Neath, they will struggle, such Newport managed a try is the gulf between them and, through Liewellyn just before

It was not until midway through the second half, and action a flury of substitutions by both sides, that Bridgend began to stirr. Dodds sliced through the increasingly fragile home defence for a try. Thomas then burst through to within five metres, before offloading to Steve Wynn, his fellow centre. Culi converted to give Bridgend the lead and Andrew Williams then picked up a loose pass to put the result beyond doubt.

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done so with minimal change:

do they boast better fitness or

better technique than their

opponents, who have suffered a stream of casualties? At

Carisbrook, where they have

never won, Australia were without seven first-choice

Simply the best, the All Blacks sign off

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New Zealand Australia

By DAVID HANDS

EVEN Sean Fitzpatrick, the

iron-willed man of New Zealand rugby, could not handle all the silverware presented to the All Blacks after they retained the tri-nations title in Dunedin on Saturday. The enormous Bledisloe Cup, the tournament trophy and the sponsor's bowl were too much to be brandished together as a crowd of 40,000 acclaimed the world's best team at the end of their international season. It is a daunting thought for Eng-land that, in November and

Old Trafford. The unsatisfactory second half of this match, punctuated by Joel Dume's whistle and a plethora of penalty awards. should not detract from the All Blacks' achievements. The precision and skill with which they scored 36 points without reply in the first half will haunt Greg Smith, the Australia coach, for many a day and even the four tries his players scored after the interval, in an amazing volte-face, may not give him job security beyond

December, they will play New

Zealand at Twickenham and

Fitzpatrick's players have played Australia three times and South Africa twice and remain unbeaten. They have

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players, including John Fales, their captain and one of the world's best locks. For the All Blacks, Taine Randell has proved one of the players of the season and Carlos Spencer has roared past a hundred points. Beat of all, Christian Culien offers even more than Jonah Lonto - said to be aiming at match fitness for the forthcomme-tour of Britain — in his prime. His try, his eighteenth in as

many internationals, was a wonderful example as he drift ed 60 metres through a crowded 60 metres through a crowd ed defence ed defence:

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Wittenberg evades the Sheffield Eagles defence to score one of Bradford Bulls' three late tries on a night of high celebration

Bradford confirm supremacy

IT HAS, for the most part. been a summer of discontent. No sooner has one bout of political in-lighting died down than another crupts. Amid the gloom, however, Bradford Bulls have shown the way forward, first off the field and now as champions of the

Stones Super League. Two years after the name change from Bradford Northern, the Bulls have completed the transformation with a first league championship win since 1981. The sport as a whole should learn from this one example of a rugby league club that is a picture of health.

While the deliberation about how to develop the game continues after 102 years, a new generation of supporters has flocked to the Bulls' cause. An average of 6,100 attended home matches when the championship last ended up at Odsal; support today numbers more than 15.000. The fact that the MI. north and south, was choked with jubilant supporters after the 32-12 victory at Sheffield Eagles on Saturday night that secured the title indicates the widening radius of Bradford's

appeal. Young. vibrant and avowedly populist, Bradford have succeeded in reforming themselves while the game overall has conspicuously failed. Chris Caisley, the Bulls chairman, embraced the move to a summer game and milked it. Brian Smith may be back coaching in Sydney and Peter Christopher Irvine sees the Bulls win

the Super League title in emphatic style by getting the better of Sheffield Eagles

Deakin is now marketing rugby union at Saracens, but the achievement owes much to their original vision, which was fulfilled on Saturday in Bradford's customary, frillsfree manner

In 1980 and 1981, Peter Fox's double championship-win-ning side was branded dour and unimaginative. Under Matthew Elliott, Smith's shrewd Australian successor this season, Bradford have been far from spectacular, simply because the power game is their forte.

The twinkling feet of Robbie Paul set him apart, but, on 19 successive occasions, league opponents have caved in to the muscular ability of so many Bradford players to remain upright in the tackle and get the ball away.

No champions have been crowned before without dropping a point. With three matches left, the ambition now is to complete the campaign undefeated. Nothing is beyond their grasp, except, per-haps, the world club championship, where power did not compensate for a shortage of overall pace. While they are the worthiest of European title-holders, an element of frustration about Bradford will remain until

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they overcome their shortcom ings at the higher level.

Just as his goalkicking and creative distribution were crisp throughout. Steve Mc-Namara neatly summarised the success. "It sounds daft to say we're the best team, when that's possibly self-evident," he said. We might not have the most individually talented players or the most flair, but we complement one another and the collective will exists." It is the non-glamorous individuals like McNamara,

Bradley and Lowes, an obvious candidate for the end of season Man-of-Steel award, who have achieved the remarkable transition in Bradford's fortunes in a short time. As coach. Elliott epitomises the work ethic. His emphasis on collective responsibility has turned a good but unspectacular team on paper into an

unbeatable one domestically. Despite their present domination, Bradford are no Wigan, not yet anyway. For long periods, a more adventurous Sheffield side looked capable of spoiling the party, until Bradford steadied their nerves and strong-armed their way across the finish line with typical tries by Wittenberg, Lowes and Forshaw in the last



Elliott, the Bradford coach, is carried from the field

With the triumph of so-called "Bull Power", Yorkshire also marked the ending of a Lancas-trian monopoly of the championship that had lasted for the past II years. Of several more goals still to achieve, the most important for Bradford is winning their world championship quarter-final at Auckland in October and expunging the bitter memory of six earlier defeats in the competition.

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Halifax end long drought

Halifax Blue Sox40

By a CORRESPONDENT

Oldham Bears12

HALIFAX ended a 13-match run without a win when they pushed Oldham Bears closer to the Stones Super League exit yesterday. The Blue Sox shrugged off their dismal sequence of failures to come from behind after Oldham, who were desperate for a victory to give them some hope of survival, had gone into an 8-

0 lead. However, Oldham's enthusiasm died as Halifax took control of a game riddled with handling errors by two sides lacking in the pedigree required for Super League status. Oldham can point to a long injury list as the cause of their troubles, but that would be false comfort after a secondhalf collapse that saw them

The unfortunate Martin Moana did most of the damage for Halifax, who played knowing that this could be their last league game in a 110-

was a farewell to the ageing ground, it was an excellent send-off. Oldham have now just three games - against Wigan Warriors, Paris Saint-Germain and Warrington Wolves -- to secure their Super League place, but, on the evidence of

this effort, it is going to be an uphill struggle.
It all started so well for the Bears with a try from Davidson after nine minutes. Two goals by Maloney stretched the lead to eight points before Halifax came to terms with the challenge. By half-time, the home team, with tries from Chester and Moana, had gone

hardly the signal for things to come. A penalty by Pearson stretched the lead before that 16-minute blitz brought tries from Munro (2), Dean and Jackson gave them an un-reachable 38-8 lead, with Pearyear stay at Thrum Hall. If it son. Dean and Umaga adding

Davidson's second try was far too little to put a smile on the faces of the travelling Oldham supporters and when Umaga kicked his second goal just two minutes from the end, it was just a dismal finale to a depressing afternoon.

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into a 10-8 lead, but that was Blakeley exacts his revenge

WIGAN Warriors' chances of finishing in the top four of the Stones Super League suffered an unexpected setback when they were beaten 21-14 by Salford Reds at Central Park

Steve Blakeley, the Salford captain, who was released by Wigan, took his revenge by scoring 12 points and, with Andy Farrell having a rare off day for Wigan, landing only one goal from four attempts. Blakeley's four goals proved

Salford built a 12-0 lead in the opening quarter. The full back. Broadbent, stepped another penalty and although neatly inside to claim the through a Robinson try. conopening try and then Blakeley, the stand-off half, verted by Farrell, it was too

made the second, popping the ball up in the tackle for Edwards, the hooker, to crash over. Blakeley converted both scores, but Wigan produced a superb response when Farrell

By Our Sports Staff

sent Houghton racing clear and he set up Radlinski to Lee, the scrum half, then landed a drop goal for Salford and when a try from Johnson on the wing put Wigan within striking distance. Blakeley claimed Salford's third try and added the conversion. Blakeley followed that with

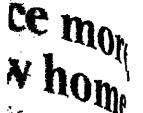
Wigan had the last word

The pressure, meanwhile, is mounting on Paris Saint-Germain at the bottom of the table after their 17-10 defeat by Warrington Wolves on Saturday. Warrington thus moved clear of Paris, Castleford Ti-gers and Oldham Bears, and almost certainly to a position of safety, with a battling victory in front of a crowd of only 1.549 in Bayonne.

Mark Forster, 32, now the longest-serving player in the top divison, scored two tries to take his career total to 113 and victory was then secured with a well-taken sixtiethminute try by Wingfield. Briets, returning from inju-ry, landed two goals and a dropped goal.

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Stewart role keeps England selectors shuffling the pack

a barning unit that has consistently failed them, the England selectors have produced a confuse their followers. Mark Butcher has been recalled after one match of exile, while er an all-rounder, there is now the teenage wonder. Ben Hollioake, will drop out after a single cap. His brother, Adam, slips out of the top six. where he is demonstrably qualified to bat. And all of this relates to indecision over the appropriate role for Alec

"Every selection meeting seems to start with Alec," David Graveney, the chairman, said yesterday. Most probably finish with him, too, the balance of the side being utterly dictated by Stewart's position within it. It is a compliment to him and an undoubted privilege. There are times, though, when it is also a millstone.

On his home patch at the Oval. Stewart will revert to No 3, a decision that will be seen as hasty abandonment of his return to opening. "It was only ever a short-term thing." Gravency said. Maybe so, but as it means that only two of the top seven will occupy the positions that they held at Trent Bridge, it must be received with a measure of scepticism.

Graveney reports that the debate on Saturday evening occupied close to three hours. Much of it concerned Stewart, where he should but and whether he should continue keeping wicket. The latter point was only decided after protracted consideration of restoring Jack Russell, a course I

would firmly have favoured. I believe the selectors were divided over the extent of Stewart's responsibilities but unanimous that he could not keep wicket again if he went in first. As this is an admission that his wicketkeeping has

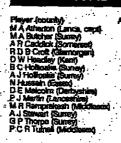
IN THEIR anxiety to reinforce consistent scores for Gloucestershire and his wickerkeeping by the common consent of his peers, remains team for the final Test against on a different level to his Australia that is guaranteed to rivals. For too long, he has been harshly restricted by the inability of England to uncova clear case for saying that he

his the bill himself. Certainly, it would be a travesty if anyone else was selected as second wicketkeeper for the tour of the West Indies, where Russell should finally achieve the fiftieth cap for which he has now waited

more than 12 months.

The desire of the selectors to strengthen the batting is understandable, whatever the ments of their methods. Since the increasingly implausible victory at Edgbaston, England

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have conceded thumping firstinnings deficits in every game. John Crawley has finally suffered the consequences of this, but others are scarcely less to blame and Michael Atherton has only one solid first-innings score to his name.

Atherton's form at county level is no better and it can hardly fail to prey on his thoughts as he considers his options. Graveney remains firmly in his corner, keen for him to lead the side in the Caribbean; Atherton is sufficiently open-minded to be swayed one way or another by events at the Oval. "I will speak to him during and after deteriorated through the sum-mer, they should have relieved to me first. Gravency said.

Builder, will doubtless be as Russell continues to make surprised by his swift recall as

he was by his omission. He deserves another opportunity, though no more than Steve James, who continues to blaze a trail for Glamorgan and deserves an initial chance.

Caringly, Graveney did not telephone James yesterday. fearing that a call from him would raise hopes that a few seconds of conversation would dash. He intends, instead, to return to Worcester today to speak privately with him. Plainly, he has a good chance of touring this winter.

The most deflating news brought to the selection table was the breakdown of Darren Gough. Forced to miss the Trent Bridge Test by recurrent pains in his left knee, Gough was hopeful of returning at the Oval but suffered a setback when he tried to bowl in the nets on Friday.

"To lose Gough for two Tests and Dominic Cork for the whole summer is a hefty blow to our bowling resources," Graveney said. "Gough plainly has time on his side, but, with this type of injury, we have to be concerned about him for the

In the light of this, Devon Malcolm was set for another reprieve anyway, but his ten wickets at Derby on Saturday will have been a timely boost to his self-esteem. Dean Headley is missing Kent's match against the Australians with a sore heel and Peter Martin is included in the party

Ben Hollioake will remain with the side, Surrey having no game, and his all-round contributions to the present championship game at Lord's indicate that his Test initiation did him no harm. He has a big future, it must be handled correctly.

The final place in England's XI will see another change. Although Robert Croft remains in the party, he will now give way to Philip Tufnell, who has not played since the tour of New Zealand. Croft has had a chastening week; his reaction will gauge his strength of character.



Strang, the Kent leg spinner, bowls to Bevan, the Australian batsman, who made 55 on his last chance to reclaim a place in the Test team

New arrivals fail initial test of quality

By RICHARD HOBSON

CANTERBURY (second day of three; Kent won toss): Kent. with five second-innings wick-ets in hand, are 120 ahead of the Australians

YESTERDAY marked the 100th day of the Ashes tour and, if early losses suggested that the Australians hit the ground limping, then they have had little need for a Peter Mandelson figure to add spin to their achievements since.

Victory at the Oval will endorse their claims to be considered among the finest sides to land on these shores. It would also prompt further discussion about the state of the English game because, on the evidence here, they will enter the sixth and final Test with at least one bowler who is some way short of internation-

Kasprowicz at Edgbaston can query his credentials to replace Jason Gillespie. The situation with the third seam bowler is, however, rather different. Shaun Young and Shane Lee, the two all-rounders called into the party, are competing for that one spot here, but neither is presenting irresistible case for

Indeed, had Bevan not littered his spell of chinamen with full tosses, then the Australians might be tempted to play two spinners. Young has performed a useful role for Gloucestershire as a second seam bowler for much of the summer. Entrusted with the new ball when Kent began their second innings 114 runs behind, he responded with a tidy spell of four overs that cost six runs, but did not look

threatening until Wells drove

Lee prompted a false swing from Ward with his second ball at the Pavilion End. He conceded just ten runs from seven overs during his first spell and found some extra lift in a second spell, during which he also bowled House. to add to his four tail-end wickets on Saturday after-

It says much, though, that Ward and Smith were able to post Kent's best first-wicket stand of the season, Smith has seen his average plummet since the completion of his duties with Cambridge University amid suggestions that he is essentially a front-foot player. A lordly hook against Kasprowicz with the ball just four overs old countered such

an argument. He fell leg-before with the total on 99 when he attempted

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to work Mark Waugh through the on side, and Ward added 60 more with Wells before pulling a full toss from Bevan to mid-wicket. His 68 came in stroke so rarely? 192 minutes with 11 fours, but A spell of three wickets for Wells survived a dropped catch by Steve Waugh at

second slip on 64 before chancing his arm again, this time fatally, four runs later. Cars began queueing along the Old Dover Road well before 9am and around 20 spectators rushed in as soon as the gates were opened to secure the best view. All very civilised it was, too, with a jazz band pumping out Waltzing

as youngsters practised legbreaks on the outfield. The best innings of the day had been completed by then. Steve Waugh, unbeaten on 94 overnight, completed the 45th century of his career and

nineteenth in England in the

Matilda during the intervals

straight drive that took him to 98, although the hook that took him to 150 came close. Why does he employ that

one run in 17 balls by Phillips reduced the Australians to 268 for eight with two good catches by Marsh and a superlative effort by Ward, who caught Bevan at long leg when he appeared to have hooked for six.

Waugh edged a rearing delivery by Strang to Marsh having scored 154 in 278 minutes with 26 fours. He wore a bandage around his right wrist and is still suffering from the bat-jar injury that he sustained at Old Trafford. Errol Alcott, the Australia physiotherapist, confirmed that Waugh will be fit for the Oval. though. It was not all good news for England.

him of it. Russell continues to make al class. Mahmood halts Brown's charge

CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Pakistan A, with one second-innings wicket in hand, are 99 runs ahead of the ECB XI

IT WILL still probably end with a defeat, but at least the Pakistan A team's tour will conclude today as scheduled, rather than yesterday, as certain midway through the afternoon, when Dougle Brown, the Warwickshire all-rounder, was carving his way through their second

After conceding a deficit of 212 on the first innings, Pakistan A slumped to 109 for four by lunch and 237 for seven at tea, Brown having claimed five of their wickets in a spell that impressively combined

nace and hostility. With a lead of just 25 and the possibility of the ECB XI claiming an extra half-hour to complete the job, the tour, which has brought just a

Somerset, in nine matches, looked destined to end ingloriously.

However, that possibility was averied by a tremendous batting display by the 21-yearold all-rounder, Azhar Mahmood, Having taken the outstanding ECB wicket, that of Ashley Giles, in the morning to finish with three for 64, Mahmood transformed his team's second innings with some sparkling strokeplay.

He had to overcome a slightly shaky start and edged a ball from Graeme Welch to first slip when he was 13, only for Paul Grayson, uncharacteristically, to spill the chance. Shortly afterwards, he edged Welch again, but this time the ball dropped short.

Thereafter, having found a good partner in Abdul Razzaq, who connected with some clean and powerful blows, Mahmood played with an assurance and vigour that suggested he will soon add to his nine one-day international Razzag dominated their sev-

enth-wicket partnership of 84, scoring 55 from 65 balls, but once he had gone, well taken by Grayson off Giles, Mahmood came into his own. His half-century arrived during a flurry of boundary strokes at the expense of Ormand, who did his chances

of a winter tour no good by bowling short and wide. Once past fifty, Mahmood really opened his shoulders, striking five more sixes on his



off Peter Such, hit the rear wall of the Tom Pearce stand, while the first hall of a new Welch spell was greeted with a huge straight drive into the gardens of Hayes Close. Mahmood. having hit five fours and six sixes, looked set for a deserved hundred when Brown had him caught behind.

That, in itself, was a kind of justice, for Brown had dominated most of the day and the Scot ended it with career-best figures of seven for 83, which may have convinced Graham Gooch, the ECB manager here and England A manager this winter, that he is worth taking

The ball that removed the Pakistan captain. Mohammad Wasim, was a real snorter that he could only glove to Maddy at second slip. He produced another good one to end Hasan Raza's fluent innings of 57 and looked certain to go on and wrap up the match until the seventh-wicket pair put an end to thoughts of

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Derbyshire discord still festering

IT WILL take more than a solitary victory - even one completed by an innings and inside two days - to lift the clouds of mistrust, suspicion and division from Derbyshire. The wounds are too deep, the principles felt too

On Saturday, inspired by Devon Malcolm with his up, Derbyshire blood brought Lancashire's surge up the Britannic Assurance county championsip to an abrupt halt. They bowled them out twice in the day, for 118 and 256, and the consequent 24 points should prise them off the foot of the table. It was a surreal day, and they have had few enough of those.

There was as much to admire in Derbyshire's cricket from Malcolm's match figures of ten for 65 through to Dominie Cork's five-wicket return, as there was to deplore in that of Lancashire, whose

submission was pitiful. With the scent of placemoney to interest them after a string of recent victories, they suddenly discarded all the disciplines of four-day cricket and Michael Atherton, who fell to Malcolm for four and five, felt the ire of his own

ALAN LEE



Championship Commentary

supporters as he was jeered

from the field. The spirits of Derbyshire supporters were further lifted yesterday by news that the club is close to signing Saeed Anwar, the accomplished Pakistan opening batsman, as their overseas player for next season. Anwar, 28, averaged 60 in the Test series m England last summer and

should be a decent acquis-The need for him, of course, dates back to the walkout by Dean Jones in early June, genesis of the county's summer ferment. A week ago, it was thought that the conflict between players and committee over the handling of Jones's departure, had been resolved. This is now clearly

not the case. The story so far is that Kim Barnett, former captain and distinguished servant, was fined for making a comment on radio in response to some unflattering observations by Jones regarding the attitude of Derbyshire's senior players. Barnett, incensed, took his case to an appeal, backed by the Professional Cricket-

ers' Association (PCA). The hearing, delayed once through the absence of the county chairman, Mike Horton, seemed sure to be aborted last week when, after a meeting of the committee, the fine was quashed. The accompanying statement, however. has succeeded only in reinforcing Barnett's determination to have the affair

aired. He is said to be "absointely disgusted". I understand the committee did not admit they had been at fault in any way and nor,

concede that Barnett's remarks had remained within the public comment guidelines recently issued by the England and Wales Cricket

Although the board will not be anxious to stage a hearing on an already withdrawn fine, Barnett insists that the club is still implicitly accusing him of misconduct. The PCA is also anxious to establish the principles of freedom of speech for the remainder of their What happens next may

depend upon the position of Horton. The same committee meeting, I understand, passed a vote of no confidence in the chairman, who was not present. This has now been relayed to him and, though he is back in the country after a business trip, he has stayed away from the county ground.

Another committee meeting scheduled for late this month and Horton is widely expected to stand down. Whether this will free his successor to make a more conciliatory statement, one liable to placate Barnett and other distinctly unsettled players, remains to be seen.

CRICKET

England let down by elementary blunders

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

TAUNTON (England won toss): South Africa beat England by two wickets

ANOTHER blissful day. another stunning innings from Charlotte Edwards. All was not quite as promised for the England women's team yesterday, however, and in the course of losing the second one-day international against South Africa off the final ball, the shortcomings that could lose them the World Cup were instructively exposed.

The first of what should be many international centuries by the prodigiously gifted Edwards urged England towards an imposing 50-overs total of 253 for five. It ought to have put the game beyond the raw South Africans, but a woeful hour in the field put England at risk.

When the fielding restrictions ended after 15 overs, South Africa were 93 without loss and Karen Smithies, the England captain, was betraying her stress levels. Denise Reid, a left-handed Cape coloured, rode her luck outlandishly. She was dropped three times, all off Smithies' bowling. Suddenly. England were a rabble, the bowlers forgetting the fundamentals and the captain setting naïve fields.

To their credit, they pulled the game round. Once the opening pair had been split, indeed, the South African momentum gradually ebbed away and, with 19 needed from three overs, with seven wickets down and the impressive Helen Davies just out, it seemed their chance had gone.

England, however, then reverted grimly to type. Two more catches were put down, including a gentle lob to Smithies from the second ball of the last over. South Africa, needing nine from those six balls, scrambled the last two through another fielding fumble. Anina Burger was the marchwinner. unbeaten on 27, and England

Conrad Hunte, the South Africa coach, can be proud of his team and those who go to Lord's on Wednesday, with the series tied at a game apiece, can expect to see a contest. They may not feel it right now, but the chastening

experience will do England no harm, either. They have come a long way, this year, specifically in preparation and image, but when they are confronted by Australia and New Zealand, in India in December, such basic neglect of the disciplines would be severely punished.

It has been too easy to sneer at women's cricket and, too often, the scorn has been justified. The game has a history of social cliques and of strapping, unathletic women. The image being pushed now is of younger, fitter and more charismatic players — those who better represent the sport-

ing prowess of the distaff side. Edwards is to become the symbol of such advances. Only 17, she looks like an athlete and bats sublimely, striking the ball with more power and fluency off the front



Edwards: great future

foot than any English woman recent times. She had not made a century until this season; now, remarkably, she

Yesterday's hundred came from only 113 balls and included 15 fours, most hit with dismissive force. Her opening stand with Helen Plimmer produced 95 and only when Edwards reached her century and turned delightedly to every corner of the ground did she look gauch Otherwise, it was impossible to believe her youth.

Her uninhibited style needs no curbing, but her occasional tendency to play across the line could benefit from another session with Mike Gatting, who coached the women in pre-season.

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80WLING Kotte 10-2-57-0; Bisseen 10-2-35-1, Stoop 6-0-32-0, Reid 3-0-15-0 Price 10-1-50-2 Bezusdenhout 7-0-40-1 Davies 4-0-18-0 Umpires A Fox and K Taylor

'N Price run out A Burger not out R Stoop run out Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 3) Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)

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C Eksteen did not bat

Controversial British sprinter upstages Olympic gold medal-winner

Johnson fails to make winning return

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN HIS first race in Britain for three years, Michael Johnson was beaten into fifth place yesterday in a triangular match between Great Britain, an International Select team and a British development team labelled GB Young Lions 2000. Johnson, the Texan who retained his 400 metres world title in Athens two weeks ago, dropped down to 200 metres for the first time this season and how he must have regret-It is one thing for Johnson to

lose at a big event, but quite another for him to be beaten at a low-key meeting such as this one, which only half-filled Crystal Palace. Johnson's previous defeats this summer had been in the one-to-one chall-enge with Donovan Bailey in Toronto and in the Paris grand prix. Now, though, he was unable to win against athletes who have had more than their own share of trou-

Doug Turner, the winner, failed a drugs test last Decem-ber and remains locked in controversy with the British Athletic Federation (BAF) over the perimeters of his ban. He tested positive for ephedrine, a stimulant, at the new year professional sprint meeting in Edinburgh, was banned for three months by the Scottish Games Association but, because that body did not notify the BAF, Turner continued to compete.

He was selected for Great Britain to take part in the world indoor championships in Paris last March, but performed poorly there. "The ic Federation (IAAF) has asked us to have a fact-finding mission and we have repeatedly asked him [Turner] to come and meet with us, but he has referred us to his lawyers," Jayne Pearce, the BAF spokeswoman said.

The confusion over Turner is hardly surprising given that only yesterday he was saying that he had been banned by the IAAF from competing outside Britain, something which Pearce said was not the Meanwhile Turner presses on trying to earn a



Johnson was paid in the region of \$100,000 to compete here, while Turner received what he described as "a matter of hundreds".

It is hard to recall when Johnson last ran so badly. He was more than 12 seconds outside the 200 metres world record he set in Atlanta last year - 19.32sec then, 20.87 now. Turner, who recorded 20.73sec, was not even in the Great Britain team and was running as a guest competitor. Marcus Adam, the 1990 Commonwealth champion, was second in 20.74sec.

Adam, having been at his best at a time when Johnson more often than he has lost against the American. Before sterday, he was the last Briton to have beaten Johnson, during the 1992 Barcelona

Olympic semi-finals.

Having not run at all in 1994
and 1995, and competed only
three times in 1996, he was looking nothing like a professional sprinter. Last year in one of his races, he was consigned to the B event in the British League and failed to win even that. A combination of injuries and lost interest contributed to his downfall. but last night he said: "It's coming back. I'm really pleased with that. I have not

training yet and no basic

The meeting was called the Spar British Challenge but the challenge of arriving proved too much for some athletes. Sally Gunnell and Denise Lewis had pulled out last week

and Tony Jarrett, Mick Hill strange feeling watching from the stands, wondering whether this would be the last

from October next year for redevelopment and it remains uncertain whether it will be used next summer for an international match. It opened in 1964 and has witnessed 21 world records. The most memorable is David Bedford's 10,000 metres world record of

27mins 30.8sec, set in 1973. The modest standard of the opposition enabled Britain to produce a string of winners yesterday, among them Colin Jackson, who won the IIO metres hurdles, in 13.2 isec. Ashia Hansen was a convincing winner of the women's the International Select team. Hansen's first jump was her best, 14.67 metres. Johnson apart, Bailey was the other star attraction. He duly won the International Select team. in 10.13sec. Dwain Chambers. pulling out of an appearance for his club, Belgrave Harriworries about a hamstring There seemed no sign of it

Champions weighed down by great expectations

t is the best of sports, it is the worst of sports, and L who better to sum up all the inevitable contradictions of athletics than Donovan Bailey? Or, for that matter, why vast crowds failed to turn up to the Spar British Challenge - I wonder what that means - at Crystal Palace yesterday.

Bailey was there to run the 100 metres and to remind us that, invariably, the best sport-ing event of the quadrennial sporting round is the 100 metres final at the Olympic Games, Bailey is the Olympic champion, of course, and he cannot walk on to a track now without also reminding us of various different kinds of human frailty.

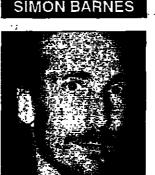
Athletics is unique as a sport in that mere competition, confrontation and victory are insufficient. Athletes must be seen to be making history, redefining human limits, pushing back the boundaries of the possible. That imposes

an impossible burden of expectation on the entire sport. In truth, these unrealistic

expectations can really only be fulfilled at the Olympics, though somtimes it happens on exceptional occasions, such as the Weltklasse 97 meeting in Zurich last week. The fact is that the daily fare of athletics is not world records and, therefore, ludicrously, the world sees its daily fare as

And also, on these rare and perfect occasions, when records come, the eternally recurring question is asked: What is he on? I mean, he is the best in the world and that can't be right, can it? Nor does it really help public perception of the sport when the penalty for getting caught using drugs has been reduced from four

Which brings us back to Bailey and his contradictions. The greatest athlete in the world last year, and yet not the



At Crystal Palace

greatest. The world recordholder, and yet not the world record-holder. His time in Atlanta last year was 9.84sec. The world record, but not the fastest time that a man has ever run. That - like every-

thing else in athletics — brings us to what Bailey revealingly always refers to as "the 1988 incident", otherwise known as the 9.79sec incident, or the Ben Johnson incident.

Bailey, like Johnson a Canadian, feels it very deeply. He has said that it was a good thing that Johnson was caught, because now, as a world-beating, Canadian sprinter himself, he gets tested all the time. "I walk around with a cup," he says.

Johnson remains an aspect of Canada's eternal state of one-downness to its southerly neighbour. Bailey seemed to have redressed that a little in Atlanta, only to have his thunder stolen by another Johnson, the extraordinary Michael, who did the double of winning gold in the 200 metres and 400 metres and was American to boot. To make it worse, many said that it was he, and not Bailey. who should be awarded the

best tag un sport fastest man on earth. Athletics attempted to settle this dispute with the gimmick of a 150 metres race in Toronto

earlier this year. It was a dreadful damp squib, Johnson pulling up injured and Bailey telling the world that Johnson was a faker and a chicken. Bailey, ever contradictory, later apologised. Already this spat seems like

ancient history, so swiftly does time pass in athletics these days. These two, the stars of this not entirely galactic evening, are in a sense yesterday's men. Bailey, to his almost palpable chagrin, lost out in the 100 metres at the world championships in Athens this month to an American, Mau-And Michael Johnson, beat-

en humiliatingly into fifth place in Paris on his comeback after the Toronto injury, contested only one event, the 400 metres. He won it, but the WALL OF URS MAILECIDES shattered, it took a further battering yesterday when he finished lifth, way back down a far from distinguished field in the 200 metres. It was an absolutely dreadful run.

RESULTS FROM SA

Like the sport itself, Bailey and Johnson are men for the greatest of great occasions. The daily routines of confrontation are not to their taste; such things do not bring out the best in them. The devalued and overhyped world championships could not inspire them as the Olympics did. Bailey at least won his event yesterday. finishing with a time of 10.13sec. He has been telling us that Ben Johnson's time of 9.79sec was well within his compass.

This figure, however, continues to haunt him and, for that matter, the entire sport of athletics. These five hundredths of a second have now been ticking away for nine long years.

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Spinning World widens orbit

FROM CHRIS MCGRATH AT DEAUVILLE

THERE are times when the only way to keep something in the family is through a spot of World domination: At Deauville yesterday, Spinning World honoured the Prix Jacques le Marois with the best miling performance of the European season - in the process making it seven wins in Il years for the Niarchos family, which sponsors the race through its nearby stud,

Fresnay-le-Buffard. The family's sixth winner, 12 months ago, had been this same dashing son of Nureyev. Spinning World disappointed when only fourth in the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury in the spring, but yesterday confirmed that he shares all the star quality of the family's. previous winners, East Of The Moon, Exit To Nowhere, Hector Protector and Miesque

In a vintage season for older horses, there is now the possibility of a match between .

2.00 (77 64yd) 1, Young Precedent (C Lowther, 11-1); 2, Law Commission (7-2); 3, Kayves (9-1). Mr Sporteg 3-1 Fav. 10 ran Hd, 14, P. Harns, Toler 211-20; 22-30, 21 70, 52-20, DF: 522-00, Trio: 644-70, CSF: 244-36, Tricast: 5240-93.

French middle distance champion. Helissio, who may be adventurously dropped in trip for the Prix du Moulin at Longehamp on September 7. As a trial for his second Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, it is a frankly bizarre notion — but connections feel that Helissio

PRIX JACOURS LE MAROIS (Group 1: £112,233: 1m sh) 1, SPINNING WORLD (C Asmussen); 2, Deyterni (G Mosse); 3, Neutilly (T Jernet); ALSO FAN: Starborough (4th), Zaminder (5th); Piperl, 8 ran; 2, 81, 31, 141, dist. J Passe of Charliffy, Pari-mutual (Inchaining 11 status); 3,90 (coupled with Piperli); 2,00, 2,00; SF 15,30. 1m 34,40s (course record).

has little to prove bullying a small field in the Prix Poy. He will prove himself great in-deed if he can beat Spinning

World at his own game. The colt, trained in Chantilly by Jonathan Pease, mastered his three-year-old rivals yesterday with a blend of speed; courage and stamina. Starborough, the British-

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self out in a battle for the lead with the Niarchos pacemaker, Piperi, a battle which set up a race record time. He faded into a distant fourth as Spinning World, who crept through to lead under Cash Asmussen over a furlong out. stretched away from Daylami.

The grey, himself returning

to form after a disappointing cross-Channel foray at Royal Ascot, was beaten two lengths yet pulled six clear of Neuilly. The latter's stablemate. Zamindar, had settled well off the turi-charring pace, having simmered in the paddock, but again ran out of stamina.

beating only the pacemaker.

"He gave me the big feel today. That is by far the most impressed I've been by Spinning World," Asmussen said. You didn't see the shadow of the horse in England last time, but he is back on top of his game now. Two out I was hacking." Asmussen, incidentally, would have to surrender the ride on Helissio in the Moulin.

Pease, who feels that the

3.20 1, Walter's Dream (11-6); 2, iffees (11-10 tas); 3, Miss Blues Singer (66-1). 5

ran.
S.SD 1, Kadwick (8-11 tav); 2, Pride Of Kashmir (9-2); 3, Mir Montague (8-1), 9 ran.
4,20 1, Blair Castle (8-13 lav); 2, Neviends-General (2-1); 3, Flying Ziad (20.1) 4, central (2-1); 3, Flying Ziad

(20-1), 4 ran. 4.55 1, Cooley's Valve (3-1 fav); 2, Touch Silver (13-2); 3, Pair Of Jacks (7-1), 7 ran. 5.25 1, Eric's Belt (5-1); 2, Loslomos (25-1); 3, Return To Brighton (10-1). Aladiak 7-4 tav, 8 ran. NR Faldr d'Arrilly

5.40 1, Wentbridge Lad (2-1 fav); 2, Father Dan (7-1); 3, Action Jackson (6-1)

6.10 1. To Love With Love (9-2); 2. Al Mebrook (11-2); 3. Lady Mol (9-4 fav). 7

ran. 6.40 1, The Frisky Fermer (20-1); 2, Montrestar (15-2); 3, Sheshi (14-1). Friendly Brave 4-5 fav. 13 ran.

Friendly Brave 4-5 fav. 13 ran.
7-10 1, Sharpo Wassi (6-5 lav), 2, Oflivo (8-2); 3, Ortebus (20-1). 7 ran.
7-40 1, Homesteed (15-8 fav); 2, Warrior King (7-2); 3, Tezaeb (8-1). 11 ran NY.
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8-10 1, Cassiles Burning (3-1), 2, Freedom Chence (13-8 j. tay); 3, Bewitching Lady (8-1). Running Free 13-8 j. tay. 4 ran.

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5.50 1, Manilerio (1-2 tay); 2, Khayai (7-1);
3, Going For Broke (9-4); 6 zar.
6.20 1, Thirty Balow (11-2); 2, Landford (11-4); 3, Crockmandhil (8-1); Natures Gentisman 10-11 tay. 7 zan. NR- Distant Sigmi, Doronna, Floral Reef.
6.50 1, Hecketts Cross (7-2); 2, Galetz-sori Jane (4-6 lay); 3, TheReldestathemy (20-1); 9 rsn.
7.20 1, Sam Rockett (100-30), 2, Thems Arens (6-4 lay); 3, Karicleigh Boy (11-2), 7 rsn. NR: Captain Marmalade.
7.50 1, Casplan Paluge (9-4 lay); 2, Northern Optimist (6-1); 3, Tengo's Delight (11-2), 7 rsn.
8.20 1, Commenche Creek (20-100 lay);

8.20 1, Commenche Creek (30-100 fev): 2, On My Toes (11-4); 3, Coeur Battent (12-1), 3 ren. NR: Royal Expression.

7,00° f. The Groveller (33-1): 2. Guar-enteed (7-2); 3. Prompt Delivery (4-6 teV). 12 cm. 7,90° f. Legal Issue (7-1): 2. Sendimoor Dentin (12-1): 3. Failed To Hit (3-2). Scoty Tem 4-1 itsv. 12 ran. NR: Saver Harrow.

8.00 1, Cherokee Hight (9-4 lav); 2. Grand Hotel (7-1); 3, Wildline (5-1), 9 ran. NR: Law Dancer.

Net: Law Lancon. 8.30 1, Re Ra Resputin (50-1); 2, Blue Kite (5-1); 3, Heavenly Abstone (5-1). Only For Gold 11-10 lav. 13 ran.

9.00 1, Red Phantom (4-1); 2, Dualitair Beausy (25-1); 3, Kayose (12-1) She's Simply Great 7-2 fev. 10 ran.

9.30 1, Bold Saint (11-2); 2, Ceanothus (7-4 tex); 3, Pointe Fine (3-1), 6 ran.

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Newlands-Gen (20-1). 4 ran.

Brighton

Spinning World's reappear-ance success at Saint-Cloud, takes great credit for sustaining the colt's appetite - and having him lean and hungry for the day that most mattered. "He was the only one standing at the end of last season, if you think about

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ROYAL SHYNESS (4.30 Windsor) Next best: Sabadilla (2.30 Windsor)

what happened to Mark Of Esteem and Ashkalani, and he's still going strong," Pease said. "He has got to be good to go with Titus Livius, a groupclass sprinter, at home and yet to stay the mile so well. As for the Moulin, I hope the pacemaker hasn't had too hard a

David Loder's feeling that Starborough is best racing round a bend was vindicated ion to noi

over this straight mile. "I take my hat off to the Niarchos family," the trainer said. "The horse was racing from the word go, and you can't go flat out for six furlongs without using up energy. I feel sorry for him, and blame myself." Starborough may now return to Ascot, scene of his finest hour at the royal meeting, for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on September 27.

The Niarchos dynasty has serenely sustained its place at the heart of European racing. despite a period of uncertainty as it mourned the loss of Stavros, the patriarch, and François Boutin, the principal trainer There was however, a significant stir in the French sport's power structure only last week when Freddie Head - who rode Miesque - announced his retirement. He is to train from Boutin's old

Lord Of Men, trained by John Gosden and ridden by Sylvain Guillot, landed the group three Prix Gontaut-Biron over ten furlongs at

Champagne attracts Guineas

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

leaders

KING OF KINGS put himself back at the forefront of the 2000 Guineas betting by winning at the Curragh on Saturday, but a more severe test for the Aidan O'Brientrained two-year-old could come in next month's Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster in which he would meet

Daggers Drawn. After watching King Of Kings beat the Mark Johnston-trained Sharp Play by 112 lengths in the listed Flame Of Tara Tyros Stakes, O'Brien declared that the Champagne or the Futurity Stakes, at the Curragh in two weeks' time, would be the colt's next race.

A stable spokesperson said yesterday: "King Of Kings is in great shape and Aidan will talk to the owners over the next few days about where he will run next."

Ladbrokes was sufficiently impressed by Saturday's effort to make King Of Kings 6-1 joint-favourite with Daggers Drawn for the Guineas, but the Harrow firm was in a minority to be convinced by the victory.

King Of Kings cruised up, under Christy Roche, to join Sharp Play over a furlong out but, when asked to quicken, King Of Kings's head carriage became noticeably high and he drifted slightly right before eventu-

ally winning comfortably.
"If that's the Guineas favourite then I've got a whole handful to have a go at him." Johnston said. "I know Sharp Play is in the first division of my two-yearolds, but I wouldn't mind taking King Of Kings on again with either him or Princely Heir. Sharp Play lost his stride two furlongs out and has caught himself twice on his left hind."

O'Brien said: "I'm happy with that, but when he gets to the front he thinks he's done enough and starts looking around him. We have got to teach him to go on and run to the line."

There was a British success in the group three Royal Whip Stakes when the Roger Charlton-trained King Alex beat Rayouni by a

3.15 CALDERGLEN CLAIMING STAKES (Qualifier: 2-Y-0: £2.598: 6f 5vd) (9)

11-8 Checka 5-1 Maresa, 6-1 Condy Trect, 7-1 Profe of Bryn, 8-1 Inshaliah, 18-1 Easy Risk, 14-1 Castle Friend, 20-1 others.

9-4 Madman's Mirage, 5-2 Legs Be Frendly, 6-1 Henry The Proud, 7-1 N Check, Miss Salsa (Basser, 8-1 Mariana, 16-1 Ho Leng, 25-1 Emperor's Gold

(3) 4246 TOLLOURS RIVIERA 11 (D.F.6) J Pearce 7-10-0 6 Bardwell (6) -000 CELEBRATION CARE 68 (CD.F.6) Mass L Perait 5-9-13

9-4 Pekay, 5-2 Touyours Rivieza, 3-1 Kaes Albayra, 8-1 Nobby Barnes, 10-1 Habeta. 14-1 Celebratica Calle, 20-1 Classic Rivia

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Double Fight, 9-4 Philipsis 7-2 Mortecrasio, 7-1 Lord Advocate, 8-1 Papid vor. 20-1 Gilbon, 50-1 The Vale

Newton Abbot

2.35 (2m 110)rd chi 1, Yubralee (A P McCoy, 1-10 (av., 2, Spartars Dna (14-1), 3, Cuban Skee (14-1) 3 ran 28, 3, M Pipe. Tote: £1 10, DF: £1 50 CSF, £1 81.

3.05 (3m 3t hote) 1, Sphrt Level (Mr S Dursch, 4-1); 2, Prif's Dream (7-1); 3, Mel (6-4 tsy), 6 ran 2½), 51 J Payne, Tote: 53.0; 62.40, 02.90 DF 529,70, CSF-125.79.

22.79. \$1 110yd ch) 1. Distant Memory (B Powell, 2-1); 2. Herbert Buchanan (5-6 lan), 3. Castleconner (7-2) 3 ran. NR Thefodcoatterny, 282 24 P Hobbs. Totar 22-50. DF. £1 40. CSF £3.86

Going: good to time

4.15 CAPTAIN J C STEWART MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,436: 1m 65yd) (7)

4.45 AULOHOUSE APPRENTICES SERIES HANDICAP (\$2,556: 1m 31 16yd) (7)

3.45 PLUMB CENTER EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,550: 61 5yd) (8)

WINDSOR

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4.00 Lasham 2.30 Sebadilla 4.30 Royal Shyness 3,00 Protocol 3,30 SALMON LADDER (nap) 5.00 Cross The Border

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 ROYAL SHYNESS. Our Newmarkei Correspondent: 2.30 SABADILLA (nap). 3.30 Green Card, 4.30 Katah.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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405	(B)	548	SMART BEAU 19 (G Ward) R Charlton 8-9 W J O'Connor
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407	(5)		SASSY 8 (CD,F) (A Micron) A Janus 8-6
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4.30 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,388: 5l 10yd) (15 runners)

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507	(11)	53	KATAH 65 (BF) (H. al-Maldhum) J Gosten 8-11	8
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5.00 MARLOW ADDITIONAL APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,372: 5i 10yd) (12 runners)

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COMPTON PLACE has been made 9-4 favourite by Ladbrokes for Thursday's Nunthorpe Stakes at York. Other prices: 7-2 Danetime, 9-1 Coastal Bluff, 10-1 Titus Livius, Indian Rocket, 12-1



fallan quarte

> CST: 244-3b. 11-Aurigny (S Senders, 7-1); 2. Banningham Blade (10-1); 3, Societ Set (9-2), Mugelo 7-2 fav. 11 an. NR: Dim Ots. Hd, 2, S Dow. Tebe 27-90; 22:10, 23 80, £1 90. DF: £47-40. Trio: £74-40. CSF: 268.86.

Newbury

Going: good to firm

CSP: 250.00. (1m 5i 6tyd) 1, Dushyentor (K. Falon, 9-2); 2, Panama City (9-1); 3, Sharitou (4-7 fay), 4 ran, NR: Predappio, NR, hd. Hr. Cacil, Tote: £4.20. DP: £9.30. CSF: £29.34 CSF: £29.34
3.0 (71 64yd) 1, Selfron Lane (I. Dettori, 6-1; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Acid Test (7-1); 3, Sea Magic (9-1), Singly 5-1 (ss. 11 ren. 134, 144, R. R. Hannon, Tota: £5.00; £2.20, £2.10, £3.40
DF: £27.10. Trio: £82.50, CSF: £45.28.
Tricast: £350.89

100 (7) 1, Manbooto (R Hills, 11-2); 2, Profix (14-1); 3, Voodoo Saint (5-1); 3, Voodoo Saint (5-1); 3, Shertown 9-4 Iav. 19, ran. 11, 254 D. Mortey, 705: 50:60; 51:80, 52:30, 51:90. DF: 263.20, Trio: £125.20, CSF: £73.40. 4.35 (Im 4/5yd) 1, Rokeby Bowl (L Det-or) 9-4 tay; 2, Tyksyvor (7-2); 3, Isla Of Man (8-1), 7 ran, 1/6, 3L) Balding, Tota; 23.00; 52.00, 52.30. DF: \$4.00. CSF; 28.98.

28.98. (34yd) 1, Willow Dain (K Fellon, 17-2); 2. Sharp Peerl (14-1); 3, Twice As Sharp (17-2); Felith Alone 4-1 fav. 13 nan. Net Dande Flyer, Vax Star. 11, 1st D Esseorth Tote: 59.40; 52.70, 53.50; 53.30. Tric: 59.40; 52.70, 53.50; 53.30. Tric: 59.42.80, CSF: 5116.90. Tricsst: 5969.36. Jackpot: not won (pool of £9,544,07 was carried forward to Pontefact yesterday). Placepot: £982.10. Quadpot: £92.20.

Ripon Going: good to firm 2.15 (1m 2f) 1, Rere Talent (A Culterie, 11-4 fau); 2, Gymcrak Gorjos (9-2); 3, Inlouell (7-2); 4, Grovefair Last (20-1); 16 fan, 3, 134 M Channon, Tota: £4.00,

E1.30, E1.40, E1.30, E5.40, OF: E11.60. Tric: E18.10: CSF: E14.43, Tricket: E48.13. 2.45 (8) 1, Abt En Provience (0 Holland, 11-10 land; 2, Milansh (6-4); 3, Moving Princese (20-1), 8 ran 2 H), 11 M Johnston, Tols: 22-50, 51,20, 51,10, 52-70, DF: 51,80, CSF: \$2.90,

3.15 (Im 4f-60)(d) 1. Suga Hawk (J F Egian, 4-1); 2. Gold Desire (3-1); 3. Yet Again (3-4 J-14). Ballparin 9-4 J-14v (pu). 5 ran. 3-4, 11. E.Alston. Tote: 05.50; 22.20. C1.80. DF: 216.90. CSF: £15.22. £1.80. DF: £16.90. CSF: £15.22 3.45 (6) 1, Tadeo (Dean McKeown, 12-1); 2. Emerging Martest (17-2); 3, Tiler (15-2); 4. Bowden Rose (12-1), My Best Valentine 7-2 fav. 21 sen. %, Ind. M. Johnston. Tote: £15.90; £3.30, £2.00, £2.30, £3.80. DF: £52.60. Trio: £157.70. CSF: £116.28. Tricast £808.08.

11/Cast 28/8.UB.
4.15 (1m.1) 1, High Spirits (L. Cherrock, 7-2); 2, Moulais (13-2); 3, Bowciifis (6-1).
Pride Of Pendie 11-4 fav. 12 ram. 14, 141. T. Eastedy, Tota: 25.50; 22.00, 22.30, 22.00.
DF: 527.40, Trice: 537.B0. CSP: 522.43; 14.57.256.

4.50 (S) 1. Archello (J Forture, 9-4); 2. Gherlo (2-1 ter); 3. Night Express (4-1), 12 ren. 34, 34, G Oldroyd, Tote: 23.50; 21.20, 22.20, 22.20, DP: 23.60, Trio: 212.90, CSF: 27.00. Placepot: £48.10. Quadpot: £20.30.

Bangor 2.10 1, Amitge (8-15 say); 2, Dewn Summa (2-1); 3, Texasb (14-1), 4 ran NR; Jackson Fals. Falls.
2.40 1, Lord Nitrogen (3-4 tev); 2, My Harvitski (7-1); 3, High Low (8-1); 8 ren.
3.10 1; Brambleberry (4-1); 2, Wise Advice (2-1); 3, Pond House (6-4 lav); 5 ran.
3.40 1, Whothehalisharry (6-7); 2, Annie's Klachen (12-1); 3, Fizw. Deal (8-1); Khelintourn 10-11 lav. 8 ran.
4.10 1, Mozemo (11-1); 2, Fusieto (9-1); 3, Kinlogh Gale (12-1). Bit Of A Dreem 2-1 lav. 8 ran.
4.40 1, Euphoric Illusion (7-4)-lav); 2, Dane Rose (14-1); 3, Follow de Cell (8-1). Totally Yours 7-4 (-lav.) 5 ran.

Stratford

2.20 1, Wilkins (7-4 lev); 2, Jenzsoph (2-1); 3, Ctrous Colours (6-1), 6 rath

Catterick Bridge Going: good to little, little in places 5.55 1. Summerhili Special (7-4 lav); 2. Comisc's Legend (38-1); 3. Feishallurair (11-1), 8 ran. (11-1), 8 ran.
8.25 1, Birt Nacilia (3-4 | Fise); 2, Snapby
Times (6-1); 3, Katie's Cracter (13-2).
6.55 1, Clef Of Silver (2-1 | Fise); 2, Pigeon
[2-1 | Fise); 3, Sandmoor Tartum (4-1); 7 ran.
7.25 1, Rymer's Rescal (8-1); 2, Myttons
Mistalia (5-1); 3, Bollin Dorothy (7-1); 4,
Grosy Poncess (7-1); 16 ran. NR: Welcome 7.55 1. (Alver Term (7-1); 2. The Happy Fox. (100-30), 3. The Wad (10-1) 9 ran.

8.25 1, Clasti Of Swords (7-1); 2, Adamoch Prince (3-1 ji-tav); 3, Finestaterobern (16-1).

Haydock Park Golingt good to firm

5.40 1, Tanden (5.5 tav); 2, Supermick (5.2); 3, Secret Service (100-30), 4 ren, NR, Carton Venture, Protocol. 8.10 1, Vignetia (4-6 ba); 2, Requestor (9-4); 3, Adjulant (14-1) 9 ran 6.40 1, Wentbridge Lad (100-30); 2. McGilyouddy Reels (5-2 tav); 3, Davosti (7-2), 9 ran.

(7-2). 9 ran.
7.10 1. Glosy Moth (2-1 tev): 2, Jackerin
(11-1); 3, Eastern Lyric (5-1). 7 ran
7.40 1, Begorrat (10-11 tev); 2, Bolleto (7-2);
3, La Doyenne (14-1) 9 ran. NR: Eder HE
8.10 1, Clyttra HBI Lad (7-1); 2, Needle Metch
(7-1), 3, Spanish Verdet (10-1); 4, May Cursen
Megan (20-1). 16 ran. NR: Superpatio.

FIRE EADERS

Lingfield Park Going: good to film

Tracest: £94 80.

3.55 (im 2) 1, Supreme Sound (G Bardwoll, 12-1); 2, La Modisse (11-2); 3, Eden Heights (16-1), Fahs 3-1 fav. 11 ran 124, 354, P Hernis, Tota: C 144 90; 52, 10, 52-10, 55,90, DF 533 10, Trior 5294,90 CSF 575-44, Tricest 5998 34

Goling: good to firm (good in places) Jackpoit not won (pool of £14,612.44 carried forward to Windsor today). 2.15 (6)) 1, Bay Prince (J Canoll. 14-1); 2, Misty Moor (5-1), 3, Bawsan (12-1) Far Removed 3-1 fav. 10 can. 6, 1% Misty Charagon. Tota: £13.70; £3 90. £2.00, Placepot: £416.40.

4.45 (1m 4yd) 1, Seafeye (G Hind, 1-5 tar), 2, Beach Buoy (33-1): 3 Fatel Barasa (9-2) 8 rat. 6), hd. J Gosden Tote: £1 30, £1.10, £4.20, UF: £6 40 CSF: £12.53

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSFRS: K McAutife, 3 wormers from 6 numers, 50.0%, R Febry, 5 from 16, 31.3%; J Pearce, 3 from 10, 30 0%; J Whits, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Mrs M Raveley, 26 from 140, 18.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Wister 43 winner: from 164 rides. 26.2%; K Danley, 43 from 218, 19 7%, J Fortune, 26 from 135, 19 3%; A Marciay, 22 from 127, 17.3%; D Wrighd, 8 from 51, 15.7%.

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225 (S) 1, Surveyor (F Sprake, 11-10 key), 2, Sikersmith (7-1); 3, Pay On Red (B-1), 14 ran, NR: Gone To Piess, Smart Squal, 5, rk, J Duniop, Tote: 62 10; 61 10, 51 80, 51 90. DF: 611 30. Tho: 63120 CSF: 58,00.

2.55 (8) 1, Al Muellim (A McGlone, 11-4 tav); 2. Levelled (7-1); 3. Hever Golf Rocket (11-2), 11 san Nir; Rud's Pat. Hd, 3:41 J Payne Tota £3 60; 21-40; £3 90; £1.70 DF: £1860, Trio: £24.10. CSF: £20 59 102387: 154 80. 1 2.25 (T) 1, Reahe (R Hills, 9-1), 2, Athert The Bear (12-11, 3, La Petite Fuses (7-1) Chewit 7-2 tav 10 ran, NR: Double-J. H. 1341, R Armistrong Tole: \$3.30; \$2.60, \$2.40, \$2.10 DF: \$52.80 Tro. \$92.20. CSF: \$108.91. Tricast \$745.31

2,5 (m 6) 1, Hazel (K Felion, 6-5 tav). 2, Bobby's Dream (6-1); 3, Salambenco (2-1). 7 ran. 31, 141. Miss. G. Kelloway. Toler C1 80; C1 30, 62 90 DF: 64 40, CSF: 58,67. No bid. 4,55 abandoned — course waterlogged. Placepot \$80.80. Quedpot: £17.90. Pontefract

Language Front Roway Cort (1757).

2.45 (1m 4) Byd) 1, Bold Top (J Fortune, 5-1), 2, Essayatiose (2-5 lay; 3, Early Peace (12-1), 5 ran Nk. 2v.l B Rothwell Toter (25.30) £1.90, £1.10 DF £3.10, CSF: £9.38. No bid. 2.45 (Im 4yd) 1, Apache Star (M HRs, 7-1); 2, Antarche Storn (10-1); 3, Bamburgh Boy (10-1) Ben Gunn 7-2 fav 12 ran NR: Captan Scott, 1:51, sh hd G Wrogn Tote 55:50; 62:40, 64:30, 62:60 DF: 636:50 Trio: 61:13.00, CSF: 672.81, Vincast 6663:47

£4.40, DF: £29 10 Tino: £258 50 (part wort, Pool of £76.47 carned lorward to £45 Hamilton Park roday) CSF; £77.57.

1.5 (2m 61 mdh) 1. Mersayas (A P McCoy. 7-4 g-1zv). 2. Regal Gem (7-4 g-1zv); 3. Sperking Buck (11-4). 7 tan. MF Gallont Lord 11, 26 F 1. Jordan Toter 23.20, 21.90. C1.50, DF: £3.30 CSF £4.85 4.15 (2m 11 22)(d) 1, Great Oration (J Forume, 5-1); 2, Ross Of Glern (25-1); 3, Shelteer (2-1 tary 11 tan NP. Ansan, Beltro, Nk, nk, P Watson, Tote 55-90, 22 10, 23-50, £1.20 DF: £23.30 Tot. £74 80, CSF: £118.10 Tricast £300.57 4.35 (sm 2) 110yd ch) 1, Hurricane Blake (A P McCoy, 4-6 fayl: 2, Trust Deed (3-1) Only two finshed 3 tan, NR, Cyral Harry, 1141 M Pipe, fore, £1.50, DF; £1.50, CSF, £2.81 5.15 (8) 1. Comiche Quest IA Eddery, 12-1); 2, Camicorreur (6-1); 3. Scaked (16-1); 4, Featherstone Lane (14-1). Tart And A Hair 4-1 isv. 17 ran NR Napuer Star 20, 181. M. Charmon. Tot: \$15.60; \$250, \$2.60, \$5.00, \$2.00 (0F): \$27.80 Tuo: \$498.70, CSF \$58.90 Treast \$1,147.22

ripe, fore: 21 du Pr. 17 du Cor E2 di 5.05 (2m I) hdie) I, Shilling Moon (D Byrne, 5-4 lavi; 2. D'Naan (5-2); 3. Green Island (8-1) 6 ran NR* Mes Souter, Stoft M Sporpel, 21 71 F Jordan, Tote C2 10; 51.50 52.10. DF 52.00. CSF: 25.03. Titcast; 515.75 Placepot; 584.40. Quadpot: £14.60. A storm washed out the closing Tauber Apprentice Handicap at Lingfield Park yesterday. The meeting was abandoned with parts of the

Averti, Ya Malak, 14-1 bar.

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efore I was allowed

had to prove I could into a powerboat. I

get out of it if it flipped over.

All powerboaters must pass

an annual immersion, or

"dunk", test, in which a

capsize is simulated. Racers

are not granted a licence to

compete nationally by the Royal Yachting Association

(RYA) or internationally by

the Union Internationale

Motonautique if they lack a

And so I found myself submerged in the deep end of St George's pool in London's East End. In

crash hat and overalls, and

strapped into a mock-up of

a powerboat cockpit, I was

tipped upside down and

told, "now get out of that".

The test rig may have looked like an instrument

of torture, but I was learn-

ing how to save my life. My

testers, the Osprey Power-

boat Rescue Team, con-

ducted the lesson with ex-

pertise and patience. Os-

prey, a voluntary organis-ation affiliated to the RYA.

provides rescue assistance

at national and internation-

al inland events. My test

officer, Andrew Newton,

before guiding me through

my test, told me "You have

valid certificate.

THE DUNK TEST

only to stay calm and you'll

Before I was allowed to

start trying to escape after

being flipped into the wat-

er, I had to wait for a tap on

the shoulder by diver Carl

Ogden, who monitored my

The routine is simple. First, remove the steering

wheel from the steering

column. Second. find the

bar that forms the roef support and hold on to it.

Third, release the seat-belt harness. Fourth, pull your-

self down and out through the hole in the roof.

Upside-down, disorien-

tated, with my eyes tightly

closed, my first dunk was

terrifying. I found it hard

to get the steering wheel

off, then forgot to grab the overhead bar before I

released the belt. I eventu-

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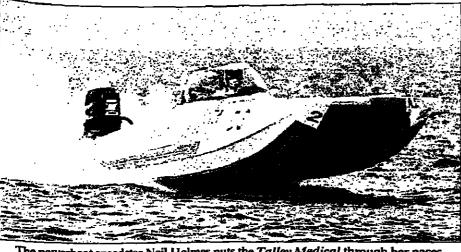
water, I knew what to

expect and managed to

complete the test without

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progress underwater.



The powerboat speedster Neil Holmes puts the Talley Medical through her paces

White-knuckle ride across the waves

ew people have trav-elled faster on water than they have on land. Even fewer have topped 100mph in a beat. But with the help of the five times powerboat world champion. Neil Holmes, I achieved both.

In preparation for next weekend's National Express world four-litre championship at Cowes, Holmes, 37, took me for a spin in his £100.000 catamaran. Talley Medical. Holmes casually eased Talley Medical, which has a six-litre. 600hp engine and can reach 120mph. to 105mph. The Lymington-Yarmouth ferry did not stand a chance. From a standing start outside Yarmouth's harbour, our boat sped to Lymington in one minute and 21 seconds: the ferry takes half an hour.

I am a natural scaredy-cat. so I was not looking forward to this assignment. And powerboat racing is dangerous. There have been several horrifying accidents. In 1990, Stefano Casiraghi, husband of Princess Caroline of Monaco. was killed in a crash. Dick Fulham died during practice in 1985. In the 1995 world championship. Hamed Buha-leeba was killed when his Victory Team boat flipped in the Solent. Why anyone would want to risk their lives, therefore, for the sake of screaming around the ocean at great speed was quite beyond me. 1 put the question to Holmes. -1 n an adrenalin junkie." he

Victoria Walker

holds on tight as she goes for a 100mph spin aboard a powerboat



confessed. "And I love being on water. Once you get salt water in your blood, there's no

stopping you. It was as I feared: I was placing my life in the hands of a madman. Yet on the water everything was different. Holmes was cool and fully in control of a beast that had so much power it could go from 0 to 60mph in about three seconds. At 40mph, the catamaran aquaplaned along the Spume sprayed the

side of the boat from bow to

As Holmes released the throttle to increase the speed, he "trimmed" the nose of the craft, creating an air pocket beneath the twin hulls, until we were effectively gliding above the water. No spray was visible and the ride became smooth. Holmes said: "We can go much faster if we can get above the water and escape the slowing effect of its friction." To this end, and as driver, Holmes not only steers and controls the throttle but constantly "trims" the boat to achieve the most aerodynamic

 and safe — angle.
 The cockpit canopy of Talley Medical was made of the same reinforced material as an F-16 fighter jet. The bucket seats are like a fighter-jet's and space is minimal.

Tied in with a five-strap safety harness so tightly could not move, I was seated behind Holmes in the navigator's chair. I wore full, flameretardant overalls, crash helmet and lifejacket. To my right was the speedometer (which I monitored with exhibarated alarm for the entire journey). between my feet was the dome of a large compass. Attached to the back of Holmes's chair was a chart, plotting the route of a race and position of marker buoys, to my left an intercom system, so I could

In next weekend's champiships, Holmes's navigator,



denly, Jim told me to stop. 'Stop the boat?' I asked. He Holmes through three races of different distances (from 36.9 said 'Yes', I stopped, and all to 90.85 nautical miles) on the boats around us tore off consecutive days. Holmes comments: I trust him cominto the distance. Jim then pointed to port and said: There's the buoy'. Trapped among the pack, the buoy had pletely. Whatever he tells me to do, I do without question. There is no point arguing bebeen missed by the other boats. By stopping, we were able to gain the space to turn cause he knows where we are going and I haven't a clue." left to the buoy, as well as Competitors have to read set losing the pack.

buoys on the course, which are marked by race officials. These markers can be ten miles apart, and in the open sea a good navigator can win or lose a race for the team. Holmes recalls: "In one race

we found ourselves heading little or no sponsorship for big towards Poole in a tight pack prize money. with boats all around. Sudsport at a much lower - and cheaper -- level. It is possible

then go out racing. Race organisers would con-

There is no denying that powerboat racing can be an expensive sport. It is perhaps **USEFUL ADDRESSES**

well as racing for about £2,000. But it would not be possible simply to buy the top-of-the-range, monster boat if you had, say, a big lottery win.

sider it too dangerous for a novice to join a high-power race. Newcomers to the sport have to work their way up

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through the classes. al boats such as ski-boats." Peter Dredge, the Powerboat Racing and Motor Cruis-ing Manager of the Royal Yachting Association, believes that powerboat racing is one of the "best-kept secrets in sport". He explains: "A lot of people" get into racing in offshore events like Poole's Cancer Research Race, a 40-mile event open to people with recreation-

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

In the main section of the

Smith & Williamson British championship, four players tied for first prize with 8/11:

Michael Adams, Matthew Sadler, Tony Miles and John

Emms. After a further play-

off, Adams and Sadler were

Sicilian Defence

declared joint champions.

White: Michael Adams

Black: Matthew Sadler

British championship

play-off, August 1997

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Shared title

neer to build, tune and test boats, as well as winning prize money through his skill as a

Victoria Walker is thrown in at the deep end

His skill, however, does not end there - he proved quite adept as a "scaredy-cat pacifier". I have had few experiences in my life to equal the thrill and enjoyment I had as we messed about in the waters of

It is even possible to make

money out of the sport. Holmes has been able to make

a good living by using his

technical expertise as an engi-

the Solent. As we eased Talley Medical back into Lymington harbour, I no longer needed to ask Neil Holmes why he risked his life and bank balance for such a crazy sport. He had shown me the answer.

Bc5 Rd7

Diagram of final position

☐ Raymond Keene writes on

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most popular in the rich Arab

states, where drivers own their

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But most people get into the

to get a second-hand boat that

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This slam, from this year's Spring Foursomes, was misplayed by

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⊕ A 4 es by South. hearts for one off.

Spades, and after some cuebidding both declarers ended in Six Spades. At each table West led the ten of hearts. How should declarer play? If the spades

his potential losing heart.
In practice both declarers

diamonds and cash the king of

Both declarers should have considered that ending before rejecting the heart finesse at trick one. By playing the ace, if they have to lose a trump trick they will require the diamonds to be 3-2 with the player with the trump winner following to three rounds. That is less than even money -- the player with four trumps is more likely to be short in diamonds than the

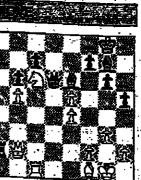
successful heart finesse Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge,

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Sadier Adams Miles Emms

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Petrosian Gusev, USSR 1968. How did White expose a serious weakness in the black





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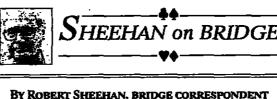
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The auction was similar at the two tables: North opened One Club, South replied One Dia-mond and North bid Two No-Trumps showing 18-19 points. South continued with Three

are 3-2 he has no problem. But if the spades are 4-1 and declarer misguesses them he has to decide what to do about

(Jason Hackett for the Mossop team and Willie Coyle for the Teltscher team) took the ace of hearts at trick one. Coyle guessed the spades correctly, so with the diamonds dividing 3-2 he was home. But Jason played the ace and queen of spades and a third round of spades to the king; he then played on diamonds, hoping to discard the losing heart from dummy on the fourth round. But West was able to ruff in on the third round of

player with one trump.

The right line is to finesse the heart at trick one. As it is 50-50 who has the king of diamonds had also split badly, would still leave declarer in good shape.

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WORD-WATCHING

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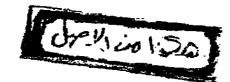
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CRICKET: TOURNAMENT TEACHES THAT SUBTLETY CAN BE AS SATISFYING AS INSTANT APPEAL

How to win boys over to beauty of the game

The same of the sa

days to the sport.
Alastair Natkiel, the captain
of the Birmingham Under-16
team, accepts that sports such as football are "more instant", but he is attracted to cricket exactly because of its subtlety, its gradual development to-wards an often surprising climax. He is enthralled by the cycles and swings of the game.

As Natkiel, from King Edward's School, Birmingham, himself experienced as he led his side to victory in the Britvic inner city's cup final at Arundel last Thursday, a game can change dramatically in a few minutes:

Bristol, batting first, had begun badly. They lost three wickets for 24 before Gary Leadbeter, of St Catherine's School, who made 51, and Chris Phillips, of Colston's, who made 23, steadied the innings. Scott Thompson, voted the best bowler of the competition, took five for 15.

Set 152 to win in 40 overs. Birmingham began impressively, reaching 101 before losing their second wicket. Yet then they collapsed, losing a further three wickets, including Natkiel for 51, and were 113

Suddenly, the leading Bristol bowlers, John Elliot and Nick Segger, of Ridings High School, and Geoff Iles, of St Catherine's, were in charge and it needed staunch batting. mixed with savage hitting, to restore Birmingham's mo-mentum. Asghar Ali and Thompson put on 31 before both were out quickly and Birmingham were suddenly wavering again.

MANY youngsters believe that cricket takes too long. They are not attracted by the need to devote hours and offendays to the IN SCHOOL

There was more tension before Birmingham won by three wickets with nearly seven overs to spare.

The pattern of the game exemplified what makes watching and playing cricket so enchanting.
The competition, started

last year by the Lord's Taverners through the enthusiasm of Ken Lawrence, the former chairman, is one of the more perceptive ideas of school sport in recent years. It is restricted to boys who have not played for the county in the previous two years, so giving an opportunity to those just below the elite level. John Barclay, the director of

cricket at the Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation, said: The great thing is that you are bringing people out of their environment for a special few days. They mix with the boys from the other seven cities and there is a tremendous social and sporting uplift. When they go home, their ability will have improved and they can raise the standard of boys' league cricket."

Barclay and a team of coaches instruct the boys between the 16 matches, which take place over three days with the final taking place at per-haps the loveliest ground in England, with trees surround-



ing the playing area and the castle and the downs in the background. Barclay's enthusiasm for the event is infectious. "I love it," he said. There are glamourous days at Test matches, but nothing could be more heartwarming

than this tournament." The match was watched by a bevy of cricketing grandees, led by Lord Cowdrey of Tonbridge and Godfrey Evans. The event is strongly

supported by the team managers, who have watched aghast as traditional cricket in state schools has been undermined by teachers' industrial actions, shorter and earlier summer terms and a greater emphasis

on exams in the summer. Ray Baker, the Bristol team manager, said: "Facilities are often very poor. There is insufficient preparation to play cricket confidently. I was and there were holes in that net. There are also so many other distractions for young sters that they feel that if they are not batting or bowling. some would rather play basketball - and you don't need particularly good facilities to

play basketbali." Brian Hodder, the Birmingham team manager, believes that even if the plans for the future of English cricket of Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth are implemented, it will still take at least ten years for there to be a substantial change in England's performances in Test matches.

He said: "Until more youngsters are introduced to the game at primary school, through activities such as kwik cricket. I can't see much improvement. The great problem remains competing with other sports in the 'instant' society in which we live."

Government puts athletics at top of academy class

thletics has always been the poor man of British sport. While football is rolling in cash and boxing becomes more dollarcharged with each pay-per-view bout track and field has never grasped the knack of turning world-wide fame into healthy bank balances.

Its status as an aiso-ran in the profits division was confirmed over the weekend, when the Government said that athietics would be the main beneficiary of the proposed academy of sporting excellence. The logic was that football, cricket and rugby are doing well for themselves financially and can afford their own training because they can manage their own

Globally, athletics is not a poor sport. Nike has paid \$12 million to persuade Michael Johnson to wear its trainers and Linford Christie has been paid another multimillionpound fee from Puma, who sponsored the sprinter from his feet to his contact lenses. Yet when it comes to distributing this money in a method that would benefit the sport, in general, British athletics seems not to want to know.

The problem is psychological. The IAAF, the sport's world governing body, has long held a deep-rooted suspicion of cold, hard cash and still prides itself on the amateur nature of the sport. With this comes a half-hearted approach to running itself as a business and, through this flaw, the money flows straight past the federation and into the hands of the sport's

superstars.
To Roger Black, the Olympic 400 metres medal-winner, this demonstrates both the strength and the weakness of British athletics. He says the British Athletic Federation (BAF) encourages excellence because it is devoted to sport for the sport's sake, but, when it comes to passing round the hat, the job would be best given to somebody better versed in the art of making hard deals with sponsors and television companies.

He proposes a complete

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and amateur sides of athletics — a proposal that he has already laid before the BAF. The federation would still oversee amateur competition and development of young talent, with funds coming from the Sports Council and the National Lottery.

Large commercial ings, he said, should be given out to tender by venue management companies who are used to squeezing every last penny from the television stations and advertisers. This money should be re-injected into the sport and save the BAF from its pending cash

The coffers in the BAF are certainly not overflowing. Last year, it made a loss of £400,000 even after about £1 million in television revenue. This drain came after a year when only two of its six big meetings sold

Another course of action open is to plug the public demand for the increasingly popular "clash-of-the-titan" athletic meetings. The international demand for this has been proven with head-tohead competitions ranging from the Donovan Bailey v Michael Johnson 150-metre race to a Haile Gebrselassie v Nourredine Morceli show down in Holland.

The cash is out there. Managed properly, athletics should be able to pay for its own academy and become ranked alongside football and cricket as a sport that can keep its amateur character at the same time as look after its own bank balance.

Fraser Nelson

SPEEDWAY

Leading trio boycott England

ENGLAND'S international and loe Screen were refusing to series against Australia is in ride. The British Speedway danger of collapse after three leading riders refused to ride called off the match because it for their country again until John Louis, the England manager, leaves his post (Tony

The second match, due to take place at Eastbourne tonight, was cancelled when it was revealed that Gary Havelock, the captain, Mark Loram initial decision after Chris

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Promoters' Association (BSPA) could not put out a competitive side. Now the third fixture, scheduled for Swindon on September 14, is in jeopardy after the trio refuted a BSPA press release that stated they would compete at Swindon:

The three riders made their

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Louis, the son of the manager was given the option to ride for either his country at Eastbourne tonight or at Wolverhampton for his club, Ipswich. John Louis is co-promoter of Ipswich and the riders claim that there is a conflict of interest. Louis Jr. who topscored in the win over the Australians in the first match. at Belle Vue, chose to ride for

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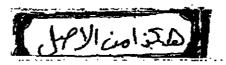
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THE SHORBLACK SOCIETY PUND	ment, you must deal with this	1997. For the purposes of voting	Companies on 4th August, 1997.	to the company must be paid
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FOR THE RECORD

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lincoinshire 123 Northampionshire 100 INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Berkshire 134 London and Southern Counties 104: Buckinghamshire 125 Warnedshire 91; Cambridgeshire 97 Lancastershire 149; Oddodshire 140 Northampionshire 94. **AUSTRALIAN RULES** AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Western Bulldogs 18.7 (103) bit Adelande 7 18 (60): Richtrond 14.13 (97) bit North Melbourne 14 12 (99). Sydney 20.15 (135) bit Hawfrom 11 11 (77). Bristone 13.115 (93) driew with Port Adelande 13 15 (93); Geelong 13 17 (95) bit Carton 9 13 (67): Collingwood 13 13 (91) bit Essandon 12.9 (81): Si Rida 12.5 (77) bit Fremande 9 10 (64); West Coast 15 7 (97) by Melbourne 7. (7 (99) Octordshire 140 Northemptonshire 94
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Cooper (Calandar MW) 21-13 Jurior
singles, B Godfley (Larbert) bit J Wilbarns
(Polmasse) 21-13 Two-bowl peirs:
Allandale bit Polmaise 18-13 Pairs: Fallwit
tot Dorny 21-15 Triples: Grangemouth
Railway bit Burnhead 19-17 (after
eaths and). Senior hours: Carron and
Carronshore bit Castings 25-2
CARRUTHERS SHIELD: Semi-finals:
Dinas Power bit Porthydylen (%-63: Gelii
Park bit Glymothing 90-72 Final: Dinas
Power bit Park 90-68

BOWLS

POYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: English viciner's retioned championships: Singles, Final: M Price (Burtham, Bucking-leamshire) for J Baker (Blechwell, Darbychie) 21-10. Triples: Final: Singress Virse (M Nester, M Watters, D Bruss) bl. Dator Ckylor Ckylor (M Virsi, S Rogers, S Lacey) 29-3.

BOXING

CRICKET

LE CANNET, France: World Boxing Council cruserweight championship: M Dominguez (Arg. holder) bit A Tater (Fr) pts.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of times: Ombersley: Middlesex 282 (I N Blanchet 108 not out, S W T Ellis 5-42) and 147-4 dac (D C Nash 81); Worcestarshve 129-1 dec (R C Driver 50 not out) and 217-1 Dewood 75 not out) Middlesox win by S4 nuns Chester-le-Street: Durham 356-7 doc. (J A Daley 114, M A Roseberry 106) and second immigs fortered. Northamptonshve 25-0 dec and 213-9 Majch drawn Hatherley and Reedings: Northighamshve 413-6 doc 1/3 W wetton 158, G F Archer 111) and 217-6 dec II. N P Walker 51); Gloucestershve 278 (D R Hewson 87, C R J Budd 66) and 322-8 (M A Counties 94, Hewson 70, C M Glupte 59) Match drawn NAYC ONE-DAY CUP: Final: Sheriley Park: Northamptonshve 169-9, Surrey 157 Northamptonshve were Counties of Northamptonshve 169-9, Surrey 157 Northamptonshve were Counties (Northamptonshve Manches Counties Chambiography

Minor Counties Championship

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Send Cay and County (P Winst, S Rogers, S Lacey) 29-3.

WORTHING: English men's national championathispe: Champion of champions Counter-Insals: T Lee (Notingham City) bit S Jeapes (White Rock, Sussal) 21-10; A Jackson (Broadway, Worcestershire) bit P Ward (Southampton Sports Certino 21-19; R Dyless (Roder Manne, Sundoriand) bit P Ward (Southampton Sports Certino 21-19; R Dyless (Rost Bachwell, Somershire) 21-120, G Smyth (Shepherds Bush) bit J Riddey (Fetcon, Cholmatord) 21-13 Semi-finals; Jackson bit Lee 21-15, Semi-finals; C James (Partic Lackson bit Dyless 21-20 Understands of the 21-14 Spakes of Smyth 21-20 Finals Jackson bit Dyless 21-20 Understands of the 21-14 Spakes (Royal Mail Cart, Spaking) 21-10; N Chandler (Victory Park, Stroug) bit M Royal (Robbery, Stowmarket) 21-14. Finals: Chandler (Victory Park, Stroug) bit M Royal (Robbery, Stowmarket) 21-14. Finals: Chandler (Victory Park, Stroug) bit M Royal (Robbery, Stowmarket) 21-14. Spakes of Smyth 21-25 decimals (Product) bit Morens (Samersham) bit Southwick, Suszake (T Stevens) bit Si George's, Colchester (T Doyle) 24-11 Banbury Borough (G Moren) bit Summershall Newcastle (J Curiz) 33-5 First round: Sufficient and Smyth (September 1) 18-18-19 (September 1) 18-18-

LLANDRINDOD WELLS: Welsh Association national championships: Singles. Semi-finale: S Jackson (Llanbradach) b P amon hattonal championships: Sangles, Semi-fixels: S Jackson (Larbyadari) bi P Jones (Ferndale) 21-18. N Bittray (Ammandord Parl) bi M Weaver (Montgomery) 21-20. Final: Jackson bi Birthray 21-17. Peina: Semi-fixels: A Moogan and G Etts (Aberystwyth) bi G Williams and G Tipleton (St. Josepha) 21-14. D and R Weale (Presidence bi B and N Aees (Presidence bi B and N Aees (Presidence bi B). Thiples: Semi-finals: Parc-Vore (8 Kingdon) bi Porthydyten (W Thomas) 19-14. Troedythray (R Daus) bi Troedythray (R Daus) bi Troedythray (18 Davis) bi Troedythray (18 Davis) 15-11. Ety Valley (P Robers) beat Mactynoleth (24-13.

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THIRLESTANE CASTLE, Lauder, Scottish Open horse trials championships: 1, Word Perfect II (C Bartie) 38pts, 2. Cosmopolitan II (W Fox-Pit) 39; 3, King Solomon III (M King) 40

GLIDING

LASHAM, Hempehire: Nethonal standard class champlonehips: Soth day (505km poly all 48 completed) 1. M Wells: (LS8) 108 tiph, 1,000pts; 2, 1 Soot (LS8) 106 1, 971: 3, R Cheetham (LS8) 106 9, 970: 4, M Curning (LS8) 104:2, 956. Seventh day (208km quad: all 48 completed): 1, M Wells: 110.1,747pts; 2, R Cheetham 109 9, 745; 3, K Barker (LS8) 108: 725: 4, G Stingernore (LS8) 1071, 716. Overall (seven days): 1, Cheetham 6,087pts; 2, Soot 5,992; 3, B Marsh (LS8) 5,845; 4, Barker 5,733: 5 P Sheard (Discus) 5,751; 6, P Broce (LS8)

Sheard Discus) 5,751; 6, P Brice (LSS) 5,715

MUSBACH: Germany: European junior dub class chemplonathipe: Fourth day (260km poly: 14 completions of 31) 1, A Monon (Hun, Jantar) 78kmh 977ps. 2, P Mascon (GB, Pegasus) 81 9, 960; 3, C Ruch (Fr. Pegasus) 78, 916 British: 11, H Rebbeck (LS4) 108km, 264 Shath day (25km Quad 30 completions of 31) 1, M Suum (Gerhomet) 94 2kph, 899prs; 2, M Sommer (Ger. LS1) 94, 2869, 3, M Kostemann (Ger. Dis 10) 93, 8, 891 British: 8, P Mascon 92, 7, 792, 21, H Rebbeck 93, 728, 25, J Rebbeck 88 6, 649 Overall club (after six days): 1, Sommer 5, 216pts. 2, Kostemann 5, 200; 3, Ruch 9004 British: 8, Masson 4, 425, 12, H Rebbeck 4, 199; 24, J Rebbeck 3, 130, Standard class: Fourth day (275km poly) 9 completions of 37, 11, K Vesterbacka (Fin, S255) 97 British: 6, Allson (GB, LS5) 90, 966 British: 6, Allson (GB, LS5) 90, 966 British: 6, Darlington (ASW24) 76, 7, 839, 20, O Ward (Dacus) 184, Gen, 474 Overall standard clafer four days) 1, M Kinsbirg (Ger. Discus) 3,402pt: 2, Roine 2,306; 3, F Breckel (Ger, Discus) 3,286, British: 6, Allson 3,177; 7, Darlington 3,128, 26, Ward 2,543 Seath day (25km poly) 437 completion 1, M Banchal (Ger. Discus) 115, 595; 4, R Kool (Holi, Discus) 112,8, 572, British: 15 copus, Darlington and Allson 106,5, 502; 32, Ward 92,3,350

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PRESTWICK British Mid-Amateur Championship: Pirst round: G Crawford Wifflamwood) bt A Ritchie (Straffaven) 6 and 4, M Nelley (Genton) bt K Miller (Fulford) 5 and 3; S Butts Ntartiey Wintney) bt J Miligan (Nikmamock Barasson) 3 and 2; K Machar (Hillion Park) bt P Happe (Blord) 4 and 2; G Leog (Budsbury) bt T Jackson (Blackburn) 1 hole; L McLaughlin (Cowglen) bt R Lloyd (Modallands) 3 and 2; N Richardson (Wentworth) bt D Alexander (US) 5 and 4, G Hay (Parimarea) bt N Gentmett (Taritation) 3 and 2; F Illouz (Fr) bt A Inglis (Sunningdala Aftisans) 1 hole; M Sengster (St Mungo's) bt Y. Rerson (Batiothe Park) 2 and 1, M Mor (Harmiton)

bt C Dursan (Mingstie) at 19th, S Adelman (US) to D Whotaker (Bath) 1 hole, P Langton (Wellane) it S Jamman (Wobum) 3 and 2 (3 Sheel : Moor Park) at G Brown (Royal Liverboot) 2 and 1, S Philipson (Prudhoot) of S Peel (Mindooller) at 19th; M Keeling (Mursan) to S Peel (Mindooller) at 19th; M Keeling (Mursan) to Seel (Mindooller) at 19th; M Keeling (Mursan) to Moor (Mursan) to Seat (Fulford) I hole, R Booth (Stand bit R Scott (Invited and 3 M Wharton (John O'Gaunt) bit Castaw (Mastern Caller) 2 holes; S Smith (Durdengston) bit I Lyner (Leloestershine) 5 and 3 G Mursan (Mindooller) 2 and 3 M Wharton (John O'Gaunt) bit Castaw (Mastern (Mindooller) 2 and 1 G Mursan) (Mindooller) 2 and 1 G Mursan) (Mindooller) 1 R Fulker (Mindooller) 2 D Stockwell (Bedford and Coung) 1 hole, H MacDonald (IOA Raring) bit G Lame (Prestand, St Nicholas) 2 and 1 J Langcake (Siloth on Solvay) bit J J Langcake (Siloth on Solvay) bit J J Longcake (Siloth on Solvay) bit J Mathers (Mastern (Mindooller) 2 and 1 Mindooller) 1 J Mathers (Mastern) 2 A Johnson (Castah Brass) bit D Griggs (Royal Worlington) bit M Kinsler (Gladdooth) 3 and 2 A Johnson (Castah Brass) bit D Griggs (Royal Worlington) at 2 to; W inyson (Drumpeller) bit G Huggert (School) 6 and 5 Second round: Oxindool bit Mastern (Drumpeller) bit G Huggert (School) 6 and 5 Second round: Oxindool bit Mastern bit Burton bit Smith 2 and 1 Thomson bit Burcomen at 19th Johnsone bit Burcomen at 19th Johnsone bit Burcomen at 19th Johnsone bit Burcomen at 2 and 1 Dorgcake bit Thomson bit Burcomen at 19th Johnsone bit Burcomen at 2 and 1 Dorgcake bit Thomson bit Burcomen at 2 and 1 Dorgcake bit Thomson bit Burcomen at 19th Johnsone bit Adelman 3 and 3 Philosophic trapporal and 1 Bortone bit Mastern at 1 bole, Bryson bit Longcake bit Thomson bit Burcomen at 19th Johnson bit Burcomen at 19th Johnso

FORFAR: Girls' internationals: Wales 6% Ireland 2% (Nales names first) Four-somes: C Cole (Monmourhshire) and K Stark (Bryntill) to J Gartton (Co Louth) and

U Marsden (Tullamore) 4 and 2. L Archer (Testord) and J Shawe (Brynhill) bt J Black (Knock) and C Coughlen (Coke) 3 and 2. J Prachard (Tredeger Park) and K Philips (Cregoau) bt E Gallegher (Claremore) and M Giller (Beaverstom) 3 and 2. Singles: Cole bt Gannon 1 note, Archer bt Black 2 holes Printhad lost to P Murphy (The Island) 4 and 3. Philips fraired with Giller; K Holyman (Whitchurch) lost to A Burke (Charleville) 4 and 3. K Evens (Conwy) bt Coughlan 3 and 1 England 5th Scotland 3th (England names Inst) Foursomes: R Hudson (Whestley) and L Walters (Chevin) bt V Laing (Musselburgh) and L Moffer (West Kibnole) 2 and 1: S McKevill Reading) and C Risson (Ormslatic) lost to P Mackay (Golspie) and A Walter (Straffaveri) 1 hole; K Taylor (Sandford Sonngs) and E Weeks (Bramshott Hij) bt L Morton (Tulligillan) and S Larry (Troon Lardes) 2 and 1. Singles: McKevill neived with V Larry; Walters beat Morton 4 and 3; Taylor lost to A Young (East Kilbride) 3 and 1. Ritson bt F Prior (Cayder) 4 and 3; Weeks lost to Mackay 2 holes; Hudson bt Motfat 3 and 1. Final possitions: 1, England 3pts, 2, Sootland 11; 3, Walter 14; 4, Ireland D RANKINGS: 1, T Woods (US) 10 and 2 E Ele Réan 10 22 3 G Normen

SIGS, 2. SUBSETS 12. 3, Water 12. 5, Westerd 10 WORLD RANKINGS: 1. T Woods (US) 10 States; 2. E. Els (SA) 10 22. 3. G Norman (Aus) 1013. 4. N Price (Zim) 9 67. 5. C Montgomene (GB) 9 41. 6, T Lehman (US) 8.54. 7. P Mickelson (US) 8.29. 8. J Ozak Lappan) 7 38. 9. M O'Meara (US) 7 37: 10. F Couples (US) 674: 11. B Faxon (US) 8.70: 12. N Fatdo (GB) 6 66: 13. S Elángton (Aus) 6.58; 14. S Hoth (US) 6.30. 15. J Parmic (Sa) 14: 16. J Laonard (US) 6.03; 17. D Love II (US) 5.73. 18. V Singh (Fig) 5 82: 19. B Langer (Ga) 5.59: 20. I Woosnam (GB) 5.40

HOCKEY UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: England 2 India 0; England 1 India 2 (both at Milton Neynes) REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southgate 2 India Under-21 4 (et Bisham Abbey)

ORIENTEERING

GRIMSTAD, Norwey: World champion-shiper Relayer Men (10.6 x 10.6 x 7.9 x 7.9km): 1, Denmark (T. Skorkyst 6; C. Jorgensen 6, C. Terkelsen 2, A Mogensen) 4hr 18min 58sec, 2, Frintand 4:1914, 3, Norway 4:24.27; 6, Great Britain U. Musgrave 70; J. Swedenson 11; S. Palmer 8; S. Halei 4.41.35 "Sweden disqualified. Women (3.9 x 3.9 x 6.0 x 6.0 km) 1, Sweden (A Bognen 1; G. Sward 1; C. Nisson 1, M. Jansson) 2hr 5 lann 41sec, 2. Norway 2:52.56; 3, Sweden 32:56, Great Britain (J. Janes 4; L. Campbell 4, Y. Hague 4; H. Munrol, 3:06.31. ROWING

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SAILING

LARGS, Scotland: Rover British Oper and National Optimist Championships; Senior fleet Final positions (effer ten racce); 1, P Cambel-Jemes (Wer Wood); 2, K de Smedt (Bell; 3, S Hyde (Ire); 4, E Willis (Weir Wood); 5, E Huntley (Castle Cove). SHOOTING

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858,EY: National smallbore rifle champonship). 1. C Ogle (Edinburgh
University Alumni) 781pts; 2, J Dallinons
(Fotnam) 777, 3, N Day (Perkins RC) 778.
Bowill Shield (Inorne international): 1.
England 3,901pts; 2, Scotland 3,845; 3,
Wales 3,826, 4, Northern Initians 3,778.
ESSU Trophy (juniors): 1, Scotland 1,182
2, England 1,147, 3, Wales, 1,138 Flowers
Trophy (worners' open meeting chemponship): 1, J Hay (Willon) 977; 2, J Baker
(Waufnal Motors) 974; 3, R University
(Sarvice worner): 1, L Harms (Royal Navy)
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of Kent Trophy (worner's Bisley championship): Uniletshina 778.

SNOOKER

GUANGZHOU, Chine: International chal-enge: Semi-litrals: J White (Eng) bit K Doherty (re) 4-0: R O'Sulfivan (Eng) bit Guo Hua (China) 4-1. Pinet: O'Sulfivan bi White 5-3.

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SQUASH

LAHTI, Friend: World Games: Second round: Ment Pool A: A Barrada (Egypt) bt O Poulisaren (Fin) 3-3, 9-0, 9-2, J Raumoin (Fin) bt F Knew (FIN) 9-5, 19, 10-8, 9-5; Barada bt Knew 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; Flaumoin bt Prudsiene 9-5, 9-9, 9-9, 9-0, 9-1; L Buit (Holl) bt A Thoma (Swel) 19, 3-3 nst. Caims bt Buit 5-9, 9-2, 9-1, 9-8; Sistonen bt Thomas 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 Co.D Ryen (Ire) bt D Shappin (K2) 9-4, 9-5, 9-5; B Davis (Aus) bt L Brearl (Fr) 9-8, 10-8, 9-4; Ryan bt Deass 7-8, 9-1, 9-4, 9-10, 9-6 Ci.D Ryen (Ire) bt D Shappin (K2) 9-4, 9-5, 9-5; B Davis (Aus) bt L Brearl (Fr) 9-8, 10-8, 9-4; Ryan bt Deass 7-8, 9-1, 9-4, 9-10, 9-6, Elizarl bt Shappin (K2) 9-4, 9-10, 9-6, 10-8, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1, 9-1, 10-9, 9-1, 10-9, 1

SWIMMING

SEVILLE: European chemplonestope: Fourth clay: Ment: 25lon: 1. A Akadev (Russ) 5tr 05min Obsec; 2. squet, 5. decail (Fr) and C Wandratsch (Ger) 508 36: 12. J Palitrey (GB) 527.52. Diving: Three-metre springboant: Finet: 1. D Sauth (Puss) 800.60pts: 2. A Wets (Ger) 800.99: 3. S Airens (Ger) 537.68. 4. AM (GB) 553.92. 6. M Shipman (GB) 553.92. 6. M Shipman (GB) 553.92. Women: Synchronised duet: Finet: 1, Russia

Stones Super League .

99 160pts; 2 France 97,040, 3, kely 95,760; 10, Great Britain (A Carlsen, K Hooper) 87 680.

TENNIS

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tour-nement: Charler-Snats: P Kords (Cc) bi D Wheatoh (US) 4-5, 7-6, 6-4; V Kalenkov (Russ) bi T Herman (CE) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; G Russdaki (CB) bit R (rajicsk (holi) 7-6, 3-8, 6-3, P Reiter (Aus) bi S Enquera (So) 7-5, 2-6, 6-2 Semi-Instats Katalnikov bit Kords (C2) 6-4, 7-6, Rafter bit Russdaki 7-5, 4-6, 6-3,

WATER POLO

SEVILLE: European charaplonathor. First round: Russit 13 Bulgaris 4: Starakis 6: Hollend 4: Yugoslavia 10 Germany 5; Greece 2 Italy 7; Hurgary 13 Litratina 3; Spein 7 Creeta 8; Bulgaris 4 Yugoslavia 9; Holland 10 Ularaina 4; Spein 9 Stovalde 5; Croetia 7; Hurgary 7; Hurgary 12 Stovalde 8; Germany 6 Russia 8; Baly 3 Yugoslavia 4; Spein 7 Holland 3; Bulgaria 5 Italy 16; Croatia 9 Holland 3; Stovalda 6; Ularaina 5; Russia 3 Yugoslavia 4; Russia 3 Yugoslavia 4; Spein 7; Holland 3; Stovalda 6; Ularaina 5; Russia 3 Yugoslavia 4; Russia 3 Yugoslavia 4; Russia 3 Yugoslavia 6; Russia 6; Russia 7; Hurgary 7; Greece 6; Germany 6.

WORLD CUP ROCHESTER INTER-NATIONAL CLASSIC (151.25 miles) 1, A Tail (ft, Mape-GB), Brv (7/mm 425oc; 2, A Ferngero (ft, Rosiotto-25) at 43sec; 3, G Bortolam (ft, Festina), 4 S Heulot (ft La Françase des Jaur), 5, A Vatieron (ft, Scrigno-Gaerne) all same time, 5, M Scandri (GB La Françaso des Jeust at 49 Leading owerall World Cup positions: 1, R Sororisen (Den Rabobank) 225rts 2, M Bartol (ft, McTechnogym 196, 3, Tai 190; 4 B Zberg (Switz, Mercatone Uno) 120; 5, L Jalaben (fr, CNCC) 114, 6, Scandin 113

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ADELAIDE: World Cup track series: Finals: Men: 4,000m team pursuit: New Zealand T Carswell. B Cameron, G Henderson, G Anderson't 4mm 12,73sec bt United States IC Vander Vetide. A Laurent, M Fredris, D Bouchard-Hall 4,14,24 Bronze medal inde-off. Australia IM Gngg. L Roberts. T Lyons, B Cookel 4-11.46 bt Dorman, J Fril T Bratisa, F Bertelsen, B Crinstenseni 4,17,06 Sprint; J-P van Zyl (SA) 11,350sec. 11,346sec bt A Kriss ILah 2-0 Bronze medal inde-off. Seade (Aus) 11,728sec. 11,773sec bt A Peden (Aus) 11,728sec. 21, (Peden disqualified in two heats for illegal lactics) 30tim points race: 1,5 O G-zby (Aus.) 43bt; 2, J-P il (Dem) 32: 2, G Thomson (NZ) 31. Olymptic sprint; Australia (Eadle, A Pedon, D Lay) 47,27sec bt Poland (G Trebell, M Mentlu, G kremen 38,70sec. Bronze medal inde-off. New Zealand 47,66sec b Japan 48,39sec. bi Potand (G Trebski, M Marelti, G kreiner)
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30km madison: 1, Switzerland (B Riss, K. Berochen) 31pts, 2 Australia A (S Paie, B Amen) 26, 3 Australia C Grady, B Cookel: 26 Neitri, 1 M Northeron (US) 11 120sec; 2, Van 2yl, 3, 5 Panasenko (Uko), Women: 3,000m individual pursuit: A Bellum (II) 3mn 38 51sec: bt. k. kurrek (US) 3.48 40 Bronze medal ride-off: K Barrow (Aus) ct. B Guerren (Mer.) Sprint: T Dubmooff (Can) 12 494sec, 12 46asec: bt. L.A. Muerozri (Can) 2-0 Bronze medal ride-off: J Reed (US) 12 955rec, 12 644sec: bt. E. Shm (Shor) 2-0 500m time-friai: 1, Jiang Cumus (China) 35 82sec: 2, M Ferra (Aus) 36 29 3. A. Bellum (II) 36 9 20km points score; 1 Wang ran (China) 25pr., 28mn 25 51sec: 2, 17 Reinhart (US) 22pts, 3, A. D'Etorie Nt. 21os Leading final positions: 1, Auchaira 108ot., 2, United States 97, 3 New Zersand 59.

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Chris Boardman, back in the saddle after having to withdraw from the Tour de France last month with injury, pictured before competing in the Rochester International Classic in Kent yesterday. Report, page 24

RUGBY UNION

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Park 10 Warrington 17 Parle Seint-Germain: Try: Bird. Goals; O'Connor 3. Warrington Wolves; Tries; Forster 2, Wingfield. Goals; Briers 2, Dropped goal; Briers. Att. 1,549.

Shelfield 12 Bradford 32 Sheffield Eagles: Tries: McAllister, Teawa. Goals: Aston 2. Bradford Bulls: Tries: Dwyer, Forshaw, Lowes, Pas-cock, Wilserberg, Goals: McNamera 6. Att: 10,500.

Saturday

Hallax 40 Oldham Halifex Blue Sox: Tries: Murro 2. Chester, Dean, M. Jackson, Moena, Goele: Pearson 5, Umaga 2, Dean, Oldham Bears: Tries: Davidson 2. Goals: Maloney 2, Att. 4,124. 21

Wigan Warriors: Tries: A Johnson, Radinsid, Robinson, Goef: Ferrell. Sal-ford Reds: Tries: Blakeley, Broadbent, Edwards: Goefs: Blakeley 4, Dropped goef: Lee. Att: 6,518.

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ATHLETICS

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BRITISH ATHLETICS LEAGUE. At Crystal Phasee. First division: 100m; At 1, J Thomas Woodford Green to 39sec. 2 E Joyce (Pura 1744) 10 44; 3 A Lastrate (Sacchestry, 10 38; Bt J Thomas (Woodford Green) to 55; 200m; At 1, J Thomas 20 75; 2, C Edmand; (Pura 1744; 29.7.), E White (Sale), 21 02; Bt Lachers 21 05

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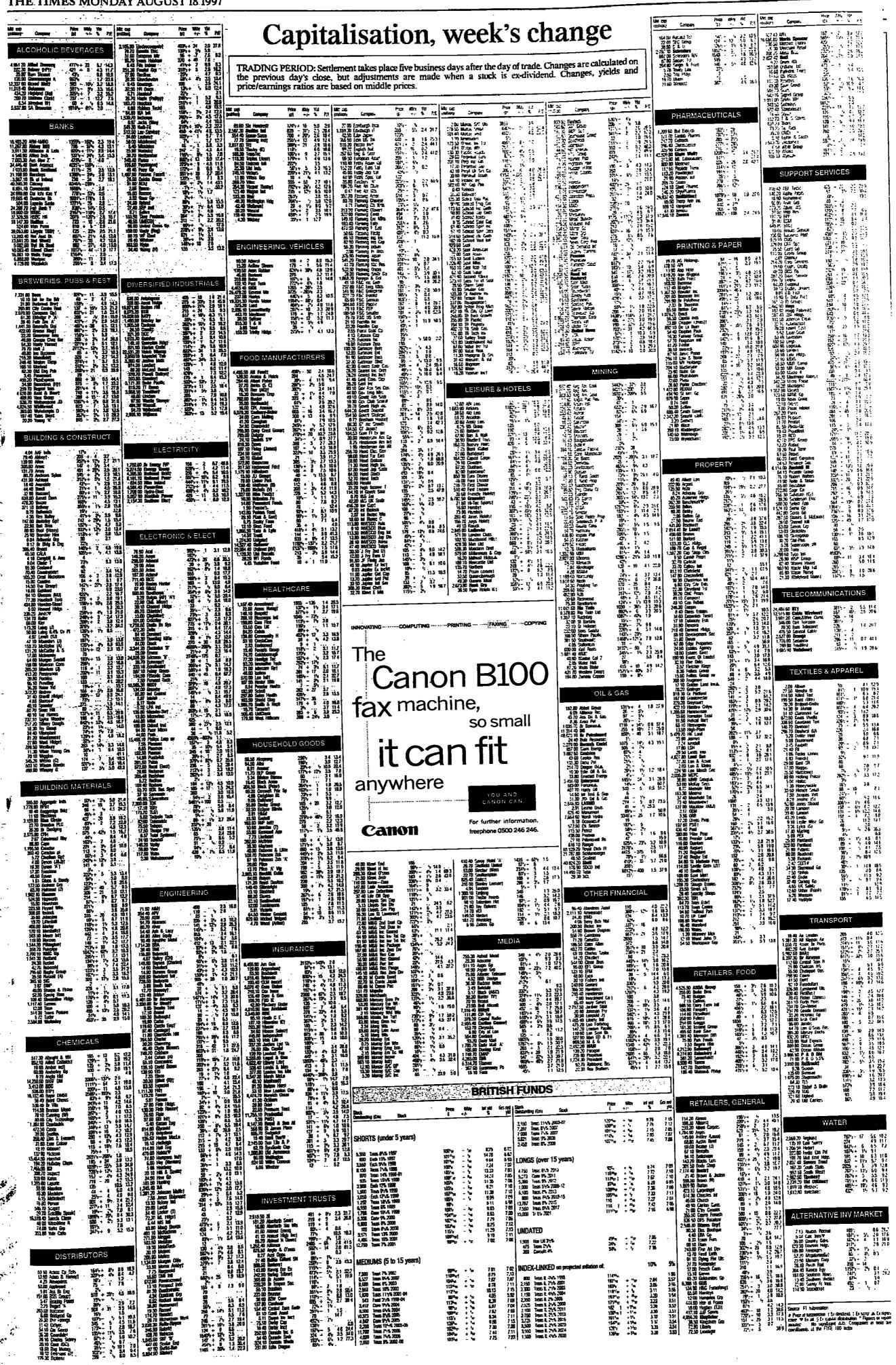
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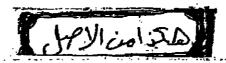
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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Alliance Trust, Argos, Sidpton Building Society. Severfield-Reeve, Taylor Nelson AGB, Torday & Carlisle. Finals: None scheduled. Economic statistics: UK July PSBR, Bank of France money market tender, BoF discount t-bill auction, US Treasury auction of short-term t-bills.

TOMORROW

Interims: Ben Bailey, Emess, Parity. Shires Smaller Cos. Finals: Brown & Jackson, Future Integrated, Pifco Holdings, Stoves. Economic statistics: No UK data scheduled, US July housing starts. US Treasury announces size of short-term t-bills, BTM/Schroder weekly US chain store sales, Federal open market committee meeting. API weekly oit supply statistics.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: BLP Group, Bodycote International, JN Nichols Vimto, Rentokil Initial, Richardsons Westgarth, Weir Group. Finals: Armitage Brothers. Economic statistics: UK July retail sales, UK July provisional M4, final M0 money supply, UK BBA end-July bank lending, UK BBA end-July building society lending. US trade deficit.

THURSDAY

interims: CFS Group, T Clarke, Group Trust, Halifax. Finals: None scheduled. Economic statistics: UK 02 provisional GDP, UK August CBI industrial trends survey. UK CBI quarterly economic forecasts.

FRIDAY

Interims: TF & JH Braime (Hold-Ings). Finats: None scheduled. Economic statistics: UK July mo-tor vehicle production.

TOURIST RATES



Halifax has that little Xtra cash

HALIFAX: Completing the expanded interim bank reporting season on Thursday, the Halifax, led by Mike Blackburn, is unlikely to give much away other than bare figures. The recently converted building society will break with its rivals by not paying a maiden interim dividend. James Johnson, bank analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing (CLL), has fore-cast pre-tax profits of £755.5 million with exceptional conversion and disposal costs of E88.2 million against interims of £649.1 million last time. Mr Johnson predicts that underlying operating profits will increase 3.5 per cent to £830 million, with earn-

ings per share of 20.6p.
What will chiefly pre-occupy analysts and millions of shareholders, however, is what the Halifax intends to do with its £3.5 billion surplus capital. It has indicated that some of the money will be used for acquisitions, while a further portion will be set aside for possible future

distributions. The method that might be used for distributing the money to shareholders will prompt serious discussion between the bank and its advisers. The professional fund managers will want a share buyback, while millions of private investors are more likely to

prefer a special dividend payout. Either way the Halifax will have to make some tough decisions within the near future. Potential acquisition targets are pricey at present and this newcomer to the banking sector will have to decide in which areas it most needs to boost its overall ambition of being the leading provider of personal financial services in the UK.

ARGOS, the catalogue retailer, will have to work hard to impress when unveiling interim figures today. Its golden reputation among retailers has been left a little tarnished after two profit warnings this year and its shares have been knocked sharply off course. In May it said that firsthalf results would be hit by oneoff costs, higher interest charges, and slower trading in key areas. such as electrical goods.

Analysts at NatWest Securities

Mike Blackburn has to decide what to do with the Halifax's £3.5 billion surplus capital

expect pre-tax profits to fall 14 per cent to £27.5 million, with earnings down 4 per cent to 6.7p. The dividend is pencilled in at 5.8p. a rise of 9 per cent.

Top of the range forecasts are expecting pre-tax profits of £31 million for the half year, while full-year predictions currently stand at £153 millon pre-tax.

Christmas remains the group's key trading season, and secondhalf performance should be helped by lower costs. At the interim stage the market will be looking for more detail on how underlying trading is holding up and how expansion

plans are progressing. Another area of concern is the impact of recently announced changes on recommended retail prices for certain categories of electrical

TAYLOR NELSON AGB: The only quoted market research company reports half-year resuits today. Peel Hunt, its house broker, is forecasting pre-tax profits of just over £5 million. compared with £4 million in 1996. A dividend of 2p is expected, with earnings around 12 p per

share. Last year the group saw

pre-tax profits hit by losses at MRM, a door-to-door distribution subsidiary, which has since been sold, although there may still be some associated costs shown in the first-half figures.

Last year the star performer was the media division, which does reader research for newspapers. Peter Jones, analyst at Peel Hunt, said he expected to see that business and the other core consumer and healthcare divisions peforming strongly.

STOVES: The cooker maker is Link parcels business is likely to

from £4.28 million. The forecasts follow Stoves' own figures, released last month, showing that pre-tax profits for the year to May were ahead by 20 per cent while sales were up 27 per cent to about £80 million. In spite of the increases, sales in the last quarter, the company said, were disrupted by the effect on consumer confidence in the run-up to the general election. The market during this period was 10 per cent

below expectations. Fuller performance details should shed more light on Stoves' plans for overseas growth, with the European market identified for particular attention. Current trading figures will also show to what degree Stoves has benefited from increased spending on household fixtures and fittings prompted by the building society windfall payouts.

Analysts are looking for a dividend rise of about 15.4 per cent to 6p with earnings increasing to 15.4p, up 8.5 per cent.

RENTOKIL INITIAL: Halfyear figures on Wednesday from the pest control to tropical plants group are expected to show solid growth across most of its core activities. The figures will also be flattered by the BET acquisition and its earnings-enhancing

The impact of the BET businesses means that Rentokil will not find it difficult to beat its wellflagged commitment to 20 per cent annual earnings growth, but there will be close examination of underlying growth to get a better idea of how well the group is

performing.

Analysts at NatWest forecast first-half pre-tax profits will rise 47 per cent to £198 million, with earnings ahead by 21 per cent to 4.76p. The dividend is set to rise 20 per cent to 0.9p.

Paul Morland, an analyst, is expecting to see a strong performance from the hygiene and cleaning division. Pest control will be held back by "sluggish markets and increased competition," while in the plant and distribution services, the City

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or the second successive week the nervous state of financial markets will dominate the economic agenda after Friday's sharp falls in equity markets. Germany's Bundesbank has talked up the mark successfully, using interviews hinting at possible measures. The focus will be on its council meeting on Thursday

to see if anything happens.

A flexible repo rate is possible, allowing the market to edge up interest rates. But the Bundesbank may feel it is meeting its aims without risks to domestic recovery. Statistics due this week affecting the decision include growth of M3 money supply. Forecasts collated by Standard & Poor's MMS expect growth of 63 per cent above the 1996 fourth-quarter base.

New York will wait on the deliberations.

New York will wait on the deliberations of the Federal Reserve's open market committee, starting on Tuesday. Any substantive rate move would cause

In the UK, it is a busy week for statistics.
On Monday, forecasters polled by Standard & Poor's expect a public sector debt repayment of £800 million in July. On Wednesday, the continuing consumer boom comes under scrutiny. Retail sales are thought to have risen 0.4 per cent in July, making 5.9 per cent over 12 months, up from 5.3 per cent in June. M4, the wide measure of money supply, is forecast to stay above range, up 0.7 per cent in July, edging the annual rate up a notch to 11.7 per cent. On the median forecast. M4 per cent. On the median forecast, M4 lending rose from £5.5 to £6 billion.

On Thursday, the CBI's industrial trends survey may show a less rosy view, focusing on the impact of sterling's strength on manufacturers. This could affect sentiment. The markets will also pay attention to provisional quarterly figures for gross domestic product. The median forecast would have second-quarter GDP up another strong 0.9 per cent, making an annual 3.4 per cent.

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The Sunday Times: Buy Dana Petroleum. Golden Rose, Bridport-Gundry, Eve. Ultra Electronics, David S Smith. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Thorntons, GKN, Govett Emerging Markets, Alliance Resources, Columbus Group, Britton Group, Wyevale Garden Centres, Regent Inns. The Observer: Buy Smith & Nephew, Glynwed. Mail on Sunday: Buy Leigh Interests, Heritage

By Sarah Cunningham

SUPERSTORES could almost double their share of the £2.85 billion music and video market to 20 per cent over the next lew years, a report published

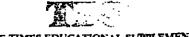
today suggests. While specialists such as Virgin Our Price and HMV can offer an authoritative range, the mass market retailers such as Woolworths, W.H. Smith and John Menzies are being hit by superstore groups that are focusing squarely on fast-moving chart titles offered

at low prices, the report from the Verdict retail consultancy says. Pricing is the key issue across the sector. Verdict says. Price sensitivity is high and customers remain convinced that products, especially CDs,

are overpriced. Although sales growth slowed to about 4 per cent last year, half the previous year's rate, the new release schedule. led by the latest Oasis album this week, promises a good second half for the industry.



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Music sales shake-up Industrial tribunal to decide | Gardner Merchant on Cowie director's sacking

BY FRASER NELSON

ONE of the most bitter boardroom feuds seen in the City this year could reach a conclusion when an industrial tribunal sits tomorrow to decide whether Cowie, Britain's second largest bus operator, unfairly dismissed Neil Pykett as

a director. Sir James McKinnon, executive chairman, will be at the tribunal in Birmingham four months after dismussing Mr Pykett for what the company alleged was "gross and persistent misconduct". Mr Pykett will contend that this amounted to little more than voicing

dissent in the boardroom. The dismissal, he will claim. is little more than a thinly veiled attempt to get rid of him

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Nick Harding, managing

said: "Building on our mar-

million last year.

without any of the £1 million compensation he would have otherwise been entitled to under his three-year rolling

contract. The dispute erupted when Mr Pykett realised he would not succeed Gordon Hodgson, now 65, as chief executive. Mr Pykett was head of the leasing division - until recently the biggest earner in the group and had hoped to take over on Mr Hodgson's retirement.

Under the company's statutes. Mr Pykett was required to hand in three years' notice. Cowie says he had lost enthusiasm for the job, and started becoming obstructive" - although no extreme improprieties are suggested.

Both parties agree that most of the alleged offences are detailed in letters between Sir James and Mr Pykett.

The tribunal comes three months after the company called a special shareholder meeting to dismiss Mr Pykett as a director, when it became clear he had no intention of resigning after being dis-missed from his post. This involved mailing

shareholders with pamphlets asking their support, but which did not give any more details of Mr Pykett's supposed misdemeanours other than the "gross misconduct"

The company won over its institutional support, and Mr

Pykett resigned on the eve of the special shareholder

meeting.
Cowie said over the weekend that it was confident of success, but feared a drawnout affair. A spokesman said: "Our legal guys have told us that it will probably drag on; if there's a second session it will probably be in September. But we will be lighting our case vigorously. and intend to

Mr Pykett, who has been resting at his Essex home since his dismissal, said: "This will be the first chance I have had to meet the company face to face and let my case be argued in full. I am hoping for

gains Army contract

By Fraser Nelson

GARDNER MERCHANT. the catering, cleaning and office maintenance services company, has bought two property management busi-nesses from KS Systems for an undisclosed amount.

The purchase of KS Building Services and Genesis Facilities Management will provide Gardner Merchant with another £300 million of annual outsourcing contracts.

The deals include a £200 million contract to provide all non-military services for the Army's Aldershot Garrison

and a £60 million deal to look after non-medical operations at Hereford Hospital. The company was keen to acquire the two KS management businesses to increase its exposure to the growing sitemaintenance market, where public sector bodies put every-thing from security to air conditioning out to tender. The Hereford Hospital con-

tract is one of only 14 deals to be handed to the private sector

Gardner Merchant was the first private company to win a comprehensive non-clinical services contract, and hopes to build its presence in the sector. The two companies also come with contracts for

Railtrack, Prudential Portfolio managers and the MCC at Lord's Cricket Ground.

ir's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all

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centre, and Nick Harding, who is keen to build on the company's market leadership

Conformity is 'killing' franchises

By DOMINIC WALSH

ALMOST three quarters of franchise companies withdraw from the market within ten years, with half quitting within live years, new research shows.

The Franchise Paradox, published this week by Cassell, argues that, of the 400 or so franchisors in this country, fewer than half have any significant potential for growth and many of the smaller companies may not survive.

It says that even a proven track record by a franchisor in the more mature US market is no guarantee of success. Among

the big-name restaurant brands to have withdrawn from the UK after a short period are Little Caesar's, the pizza delivery chain. Popeye's Famous Fried Chicken and Arby's, the sandwich con-cept. Wendy's, the burger group, also failed at the first attempt and is only now successfully establishing itself.

The study, which looked at 1,600 retail franchises in the UK. also calls into question the widely quoted statistic that businesses that take on a franchise are five times more likely to succeed than

Stuart Price, the book's author and a

consultant with KPMG Management Consulting, argues that the standardisation fostered by franchisors is often allowed to kill innovation, ultimately

putting their future at risk. The franchise industry places excessive stress on uniformity and conformity. an approach which is out of touch in today's competitive business market." he said. "No one would expect a company prevented from using new ideas and en-trepreneurial insight to survive for long." Mr Price said the best franchisors

harnessed rather than suppressed the

entrepreneurial flair of their franchisees.

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ew era economics is all the rage. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, reputedly believes that the US is now capable of fast growth, low unemployment and low inflation. Last week's UK data showing unemployment falling another 50,000 in July, taking the rate to 5.5 per cent, while wage inflation remained steady, was early similar to

recent US experience. Stripping out the usual distorting factors, price inflation was also quiescent; although the media fuss over the thoroughly misleading rise in the allitems rate to 3.3 per cent showed why this measure deserves the name "headline". Even the dour old Bank of England wondered whether, perhaps, the rate of unemployment necessary to stop inflation from rising (the so-called natural rate) was lower than had previously been supposed.

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But on hearing the cry that it is different this time, anyone who lived through the British economic experience of the past 20 years must recall the late 1980s. Ten years ago, the Lawson boom was approaching its crescendo. It was supposedly different then, but before too long it was shown to be depressingly the same — surging inflation, sky-high interest rates, falling output and rising memorylotment. In the late 1980s, the and rising unemployment. In the late 1980s, the idea that Britain had transformed her economic performance came and went, like a thief in the night. So why should it be different this time?

This time it really will be different

The Lawson boom is a bad standard of comparison. It was particularly ill-balanced in being heavily biased towards London and the South East and closely bound up with the property market. This imbalance heightened the inflationary response to the expansion of demand.

Moreover it was heavily credit-financed. The proportion of personal incomes devoted to savings (net of personal borrowing) fell from 10.7 per cent in 1985 to 6.2 per cent in 1988. By contrast, in the current expansion, consumers are cutting their coat according to their cloth. The savings ratio has fallen only slightly and is still above 10 per cent.

Furthermore, the late 1980s expansion was accompanied by a steadily worsening trade deficit. So the pressure of demand was greater than the bare figures for domestic output suggested and, while it lasted, the flood of imports allowed the level of personal consumption, and hence feelings of prosperity, to run ahead of

More importantly, since the late 1980s the economy has undergone dramatic change, starting with the recession of 1990-92, which changed attitudes profoundly. This was not as serious



nationally as the 1979-81 recession but in some ways it had more effect. While manufacturing industry in the Midlands and North was hit heavily in 1979-81, many businesses in the South barely knew the economy was in recession. But 1990-92 hit them particularly hard, the first really serious recession in the South since before 1939.

BOOTLE

Equally, the housing market experience was quite different. In the 1979-81 recession, real house prices fell but the rate of inflation was so high that,

at worst, in money terms house prices remained static. In 1000-02, house prices fell with a vengeance for the first time since before the war. giving rise to the phenomenon of negative equity.

Yet the changes go much deeper than the mere effects of recession. It is only a decade since the Lawson boom, but the changes that have occurred during that time amount to an economic revolution. On the international scene they include the collapse of communism, the worldwide acceptance of the market economy and the emergence of China as a major trading power. That same ten years have seen the widespread dissemination of micro-processor and communications technology, which have made possible the globalisation of many areas of business.

On the domestic from so many startling changes we now take for granted took place during this period. By the end of 1987 it was less than three years since the defeat of the miners strike, which had threatened to bring down the Government. The weakening of union power had many more stages still to run. Now there are very few strikes by miners or anybody else. Indeed, there are precious few miners.

By 1987, privatisation had already been shown to work but the full scale of the efficiency improvements was yet to be revealed, and the electricity, water and railway industries were yet to pass into private hands. It was only in the 1988 Budget that the top rate of income tax was cut from 60 to 40 per cent. The wholesale downsizing and restructuring of British companies and the marketisation of British economic life lay in the future. In 1987-88 leading British banks were locked in a competition over size not over profit.

In other words, the leading factors which it is alleged have transformed economic performance have only come into play in the last ten years. These changes have produced the differences in behaviour that mark out the current economic conjuncture as so promising. Wages are not pushed up, even when unemployment falls to 5.5 per cent. Consumers are canny and price-sensitive even when spending their building society windfalls. Companies are wary of pushing their prices up, even in the midst of a consumer boom.

New eras do not begin on a certain day but rather emerge from an accumulation of changes. If the British economy, like the American, is now operating on new ground rules, then although the process of change began in 1979, historians will surely date the start of the new era within the last ten years. That is why we are entitled to think that

Investors hold on to windfall payments

By ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

set to hold on to more than £20 billion of the £30 billion of windfall shares they received from building society flota-

The findings of a new survey by Mintel published today, and backed by Robert Fleming, the private City merchant bank, contradict longheld fears that a flood of cash from windfalls will fuel a high

street spending boom. The survey found that, of the £30 billion handed to customers of the Halifax, Alliance & Leicester, Woolwich, Norwich Union, the insurer, and with Northern Rock still to come, only £8.2 billionwould be spent.

City analysts and economists had predicted that interest rates would have to rise quite significantly if the windfall spending spree materialised. Peter - Warburton. economic adviser at Robert has occurred during the past six months as these windfall payments have been eagerly awaited, is therefore likely to

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Mr Warburton added: "The comparison with 1988, when real wages rose strongly and homeowners borrowed to excess, is poorly made. On the basis of the survey evidence, there is no case for hitting the consumer with further rate

be reversed quite rapidly this

Flemings calculated that of the £8.2 billion earmarked for spending £2.1 billion will be. furnishings and DIY with the same sum again being set

MILLIONS of investors are aside for holidays and travel Major electrical items for the home were also high on the priority list accounting for some £700 million.

The survey also found that nearly 77 per cent of the windfall shares would be saved or used to repay existing

Of those who intend to save all or most of their windfalls, three fifths said they will hold their shares in their own name while 16 per cent will use the tax-free shelter of a personal equity plan (Pep) or invest the sale proceeds in a Pep, unit trust or other stock market vehicle. A further 17 per cent said they will sell their shares and hold the proceeds on deposit with a bank or build-

ing society.

If the survey respondents stick to their plans the Pep and unit industry could see £4 billion worth of new business with a similar lighte flowing

Customer loyalty towards the converted institutions re-Leicester, said Mintel.

Hugh Pye, banking analyst at Robert Fleming Securities, said: The survey addresses the concerns in some quarters that the converted societies will lose substantial amounts Mr Pye continued: "Accord-

ing to our findings, customer loyalty is strong in the case of rather weaker for the Alliance & Leicester which issued its members with the same number of shares regardless of the amount on deposit."



Richard Purdey, Merrydown chairman, may use the annual meeting to announce the departure of another director

Merrydown boss likely to stay on

By DOMINIC WALSH

RICHARD PURDEY, chairman of Merrydown, the troubled cider and alcopops maker, is unlikely to stand down at the company's annual meeting today but may announce the departure of another director, industry sources said last night.

Mr Purdey has come under pressure in recent months in the wake of a slump in sales of the company's Two Dogs alco-holic lemonade. Last month. he unveiled a drop in pre-tax profits for the year from £2.03 million to just £821,000 after Two Dogs failed to come to terms with competitors.

Merrydown has handed dis-

tribution of Two Dogs to Scottish & Newcastle and Mr Purdey has promised to streamline the board as part of a £1.5 million cost-cutting exercise. At the time of the results he refused to guarantee even his own job and analysis had expected him to announce at the annual meeting that he

was taking early retirement. Industry experts now say he is keen to see through the changes and return the company to a more stable position before standing aside.

Shortly after the results, Alan Rutherford, sales and marketing director, became the first boardroom casualty.

Newman Tonks in fees row

NEWMAN TONKS, the lock soll Rand earlier this year, is being sued for £2.3 million by an American financial adviser in a dispute over the nonpayment of fees for introducing the two (Fraser Nelson writes).

Kensington Organization says it lost out on its I per cent cut when initial merger talks, which it helped to arrange, were cancelled in 1992.

It claims Newman Tonks revived the old contacts to escape a £118 million hostile bid from FKI last Christmas, but refused to honour the original payment deal.

Wednesday to pay the £2.3 million, or agree to a formal battle in the High Court. It declined to comment.

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John Roberts says that the Post Office faces a two-pronged attack - from changing technology and ever-sharpening international competition

Overhaul at Post Office must deliver the goods

ithere was one way privatisation. For previous Labour administrations, there was another full public ownership. But for the new Labour Government there is to be a third way, a new approach that will "dynamise" what ministers regard as a commercial and social success that has been politically blighted for too long — the Post Office.

In the rash of reviews that followed Labour's election, ministers announced a review of the Post Office. Significantly, though, their intention was not to examine what its future should be, but to determine how best to give it the commercial freedom for which it has

The first stage of the Post Office review is now complet-Industry Minister, the Department of Trade and Industry review team has finished taking evidence from all sides.

Ministers and the review team are now starting the review's second stage — as-sessing the evidence. Their intention is not necessarily to come up with a single, allencompassing solution. "It's not going to be a big bang." said one DTI insider.

Instead, there is likely to be what the department is calling a "rolling programme" of pro-posals for the Post Office.

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Philip Bassett assesses potential changes as the

Government's review reaches its second stage

starting towards the end of the year, but stretching well be-

The problems facing the Post Office are clear. Its leaders, such as the chief executive John Roberts, emphasise the twin threats to its business: changing technology, with faxes, courier services and email either commonplace or growing rapidly; and eversharpening international competition with the Dutch and German postal services,

which now have well-established operations in Brit-At the same time,

on the Post Office creasingly onerous, External financing limit (EFL) payments to the Govern-

ment from the highly profitable Post Office - last month announced its 20th successive year of subsidy-free profit - are set over the next three years to equal the total of annual targets set by the Treasury for the last six.

But the new Labour Government cannot afford to get the Post Office wrong. After two decades of making money

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without drawing a penny down from the State, it cannot be allowed to perform worse than that under Labour. As The Times discloses to-

day, ministers are examining some radical options about what to do, including imaginative ideas about some form of employee ownership in the

They are clear, though, about some basics: that they are not talking about privatisation, that they do not want to

see the Post Office broken up

(ruling out the separate sale of

its carriage business, Parcelforce, for instance), and

that they want it to have the

Post Office chiefs told the

DTI that the Government

should adopt a two-stage ap-

proach to reform. The first

moves would not require legis-

lation, and would include giv-

ing the Post Office greater

operational freedom, includ-

ing the freedom to strike deals

and reach commercial alli-

ances, especially in Europe -

allowing it to trade fully in the

international postal market.

soon to be liberalised by the

EU. The second stage would be longer term, since it would

require primary legislation.

But it would include options

such as recasting the public

sector borrowing requirement

(PSBR) system, along the lines of the machinery for public debt put forward in the Maas-

tricht treaty: making the Post Office a public corporation,

but governed by Companies

Act rules; giving it a new

regulatory framework. includ-

ing a price-capping mecha-

nism to ensure that prices do

commercial freedom they

judge it needs.

examine the way the PSBR operates, is wary of anything that will reduce the flow of money from the Post Office cash **6** The Government is likely to see strikes as a key test point quite clear in and will face them down 9 the current review.

ing Post Office employees out

of the public sector pay net.

since its managers have told

the Government that they believe their staff are under-

paid in comparison with other

communication workers; and

introducing some form of em-

ployee ownership to encour-

Ministers like the ideas -

although the Treasury, while

aware of the need to re-

age the workforce.

Ministers and Post Office managers are par-ticularly aware of the need to improve employee relations and of the danger that the review could be thrown off course if muttered suggestions within the CWU of postal strikes in the run-up to Christmas become reality.

DTI insiders say that the Post Office and the union "have lost faith" in one another. Certainly, the abrunt departure at the election of Alan Johnson, CWU joint general secretary, who was parachuted into his Hull West & Hessle seat at a late stage by the Labour leadership, has thrown the union further into turmoil. after deep internal divisions which emerged over the handling of last year's

Derek Hodgson, the current acting joint general secretary, is set to fight for the sole leadership of the union with its other joint general secretary, Tony Young, in the new year. and commentators believe that much of the CWU's current stances are reflecting pre-campaign electoral

manoeuvring. If there are fresh strikes later this year, then the Goverument is likely to see them

leaders are concerned that a clash of this sort would deter any new potential commercial partners, and see other forms of communication improve their market share, at the expense of the Post Office. Its managers talk of trying to "stabilise" industrial relations

Ministers want a restart, a new way. Sir Michael Heron, the Post Office's chairman, is to leave his job at the end of the year, and ministers want to use the appointment of his successor as an opportunity to bring in someone wholly committed to a new way forward, someone who will bring in the changes both they and the Post Office believe it needs.

They are doubtful in any case that they could find someone to chair the Post Office on any other basis than a new framework. In line with this, ministers are continuing to hold up the appointment of three new executive directors. and a new non-executive board member.

So when ministers and officials return to Whitehall from their summer holidays, Office finally to break out of what it feels has for far too long been an operational

straitjacket. Both the DTI's lan McCartney and the Post Office's John Roberts are set to give evidence in public in the autumn to an inquiry into the Post Office by the Commons' all-party Trade and Industry Select Committee — a near move that will concentrate minds all round on the Post Office's future.

But with the possible exception of the Post Office's main trade union, all sides are now broadly agreed on the direction in which the Post Office should move. Ministers believe that it has

been held back from developing its full potential, both domestically and internationally, and they are determined

As one DTI insider puts it: "The Post Office has been left in limbo for too long." That limbo may well be about to



Alan Johnson's departure at the election has thrown the CWU into further turmoil

Solvent case unresolved

David Seaman (not the goalkeeper) had his health ruined in an industrial accident which left him brain-damaged and partially blinded. He has found it difficult to hold down relationships and does not expect to work again. He is convinced that he was poisoned by a chemical solvent. ne was possoned by a chemical solvent, trichloroeitylene, more commonly known as trike. But his employer refused to accept liability and the Health and Safety Executive, the government body concerned with safety at work, also rejected his claim. With the help of Joe Layburn, the Citizen's Arrest presenter, he finds a solvents expert in Sweden who upholds his contention that trike was the culturit. With this information Serman. the culprit. With this information Seaman confronts the company boss and the doctor from the HSE. But once again this programme seems better at airing grievances than resolving them.

Short Stories: Tough Going

Wolverhampton on the last Sunday in January is the location for a curious ritual in which 2,000 people willingly put themselves through hell. It is a cross-country race, but not the usual sort. After five miles of conventional running the competitors have to submit themselves to a series of tests such as climbing over barriers, crawling through tunnels and under barbed wire and washing across icy water. Debbie Shuter's film follows three of these foolhardy souls and hears what makes them do it. Ann. a housewife, is on her third race and says it is about the exhibitantion of meeting a challenge. Eddie and Kate, a young couple, are taking part for the first time. Working shifts means that they do not see much of each other. Tackling the tree together express that they do not see much of each other. the race together ensures that they will, though i

How is this for an opening gambia? "The most influential garden designer this century was Adolf Hitler." As an audience-grabber it is brilliant. You have to stay tuned to discover what they are talking about. Nobody is pretending that Hitler was a German Gertrude Jekyll. But it is fair for the

Gartside and Flynn (BBCl, l0pm)

programme to say that for six years he filled Brinsh gardens with Anderson shelters and dutiful rows of vegetables. Having been round the house, this admirable series now goes outside. Its history of wartime and postwar gardening will be achingly nostalgic to those of a certain age and an eye-opener to the young. From Mr Middleton and Percy Thrower, guants of the airwaves, to Harry Wheatcroft, the bewhiskered rose expert, by way of DOT and the rise of the garden centre, all horticultural life is here.

BBC1, 10.00pm

We are assured that this is the final series of Tim Firth's idiosyncratic comedy so we must enjoy it while it is still here. It has developed into one of the most original dramas of recent years, winning a faithful audience and a chutch of awards. The quality of the show comes from Firths writing, which is rooted in the real world but has a novelist's insight. The dialogue is so rich that semence after sentence can be quoted for its droll. understated humour. And the jokes are always understated humour. And the jokes are always there to illuminate the characters. Although Colin Buchanan's Hodge remains the pivot, the ensemble cast means that others can have their time in the spotlight. Tonight it is the turn of Ally (Kate Gartside) who has just split from her husband and is feeling vengeful. The TA's annual dinner provides a perfect stage. Peter Waymark

Hard Bop. Soft Focus Interval: Northern Lights Radio 3, 4.30pm The BBC can always be relied upon to broadcast

The partial overlap between the Proms and the Edinburgh Festival at this time in August offers a rich choice of spin-off features from both those events. This feature in the Interval series appears at an old time because it had to be postponed last week, so now it is transmitted not in the evening Proms interval but in the, er, interval between two unrelated programmes. Not so worry: a frank discussion programme that dissects Edinburgh's raison d'être during the Festival's 50th anniversary is a welcome change from luvvies salivating over each other, and Colin Bell is a presenter who can be relief to see the right questions. Of course be relied upon to ask the right questions. Of course Edinburgh must and will continue, but there are those who would advocate a change of focus.

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TALK RADIO

S.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Wart 7.00 Paul Rose 9.09 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Desley 7.00 Anna Restum 16.00 James Whele 1.00am Mile Dickin

The BBC can always be relied upon to broadcast jazz at the most ridiculous times, but not even transmitting the fourth in this excellent series during afternoon tea will deter me from recommending it. The nominal purpose of the series is to relate the history of the Blue Note record label, but in doing that it necessarily offers something much broader: a partial history of first something much broader: a partial history of gazz since the Second World War. Today the series concentrates on some of the obsture session musicians who found fame of the obscure session musicians who found fame through exposure on Bine Note. These players included Eano Hope and Tina Brooks and, perhaps most notably, Herbie Nichols, who wrote Lady Sings The Blues, which was eventually recorded by Billie Holiday.

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payed by Path Nicrolsoff on the 1676s organ at Gurnilau (1/3)

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12.36em Juzz Nobes. Campbell Burnett begins a week-long survey of planists

1.08 Through the Night, with Donald Martend Includes 1.09 Great Planists. A selection of places performed by Vladimir Horowitz 1.50 Prague RSO, under Vladimir Valek. With Ivan Klansky: plano, Jiff Jaroch (The Old Man and the Ses); Chopin (Piano Carosato No 2 in Fining); Tchakovsky (Symphony No 6 is Birmor, Pathéfique)

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daughter of the ANC activists Joe Slove and RuthFirst (1/5) 8.35 Weather
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12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker.
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1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

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2.00 News; Wobbiy Eggs, by Mary Cooper. A friendship develops between a middle-aged woman and a technique who butgles her house when they discover their mubble tranquities dependency. With Barbara Marten, Christopher Honter and Jene Hollowand

3.00 The Afterneen Shirt, with Leurie Taylor

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Waker reports from the Edinburgh Festival. Plus en interview with

the conductor Valery Gergiev, and a review of the new Carol Shields book.

4.45 Short Story; An Actor's Tale — Agent, Written and read by Steven Berkoff.

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6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.39 Just A Minute. The fast-tailing quiz hosted by
Nicholas Persona. With guests Clement Fraud.

Tony Hawks, Frat Macarisy and Derak Nimmo (r)

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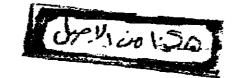
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Departing detectives leave us in doldrums

(ITV) finished together. The question is, how dare they? Finish with two weeks of August still targo, that the career assessment put us out wo weeks of August still to go, that is. Two weeks that will see one of the weakest summer of programming I can recall explore new depths of regurgitation. Coming up this week, and I kid you not, is a compilation, of the best bits, from shiture". In other words, Wycliffe is onboard camcorders of police cars, chasing Manchester joyriders. As of today - and with the notable exception of Tim Firth's wonderful Preston Front - there is now officially nothing to watch. As of yesterday, however, it was a different matter, with both Pie in the Sky and Wycliffe signing off with impressively strong episodes. For the former, Andrew Payne's

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they began angether and McKenzie's script toyed with us—eight weeks later. Pie in the the ever-weary Wycliffe was have sky (BBCI) and Wycliffe ing trouble with failing eyesight of our misery.

Wycliffe had no plans to retire, we were told, and the DCC made "no recommendation as to any career move in the foresecable going nowhere, which conveniently leaves him free to return to our screens every summer until either Jack Shepherd or we get sick of it. That is good news.

The bad but understandable

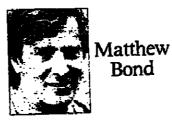
news is that Payne already seems to have had eaough of Crabbe. Last night the cooking detective deared his desk - or, to be accurate, removed his collapsible nicely observed script smacked of an affectionate but final farewell to his culinary copper. Heary Crabbe. For the latter, well, Arthur Crabbe had finally had enough of

being pushed around by Freddy Fisher: largely, I suspect, because Payne has had enough of writing scripts that somehow have to combine police work and haute cuisine. But if this was the last one, at least it was a goodie that involved all three senior members of the cast: Richard Griffiths as Crabbe, Maggie Steed as Margaret and, deservedly to the fore last night. Malcolm Sinclair as the ghastly Fisher.

inclair's wonderfully conbeen one of the mainstays of the series and this was his reward, a story that gave full rein to that veritable portfolio of Fisher foibles: preoccupation, obsession, fallibility, ruthlessness. "Did I carch a glimpse of a human being?" Crabbe asked at one point, as Fisher's police work and personal life, for once, threatened to get almost as tangled as his own.

REVIEW

Bond



He did, but it was all too brief. Which is why Crabbe packed his corkscrew, why the traditional end-of-series cast lunch took place without Fisher and why I'm nursing a well-spiced sense of regret at the prospect of never seeing any of them again. How about a Christmas special? Wycliffe is having one - although I don't for a moment imagine it will be merry. Elsewhere, the programming to

strange, given that the anniversary itself was on Thursday night. But better later than never, as they say at Channel 4, and in the case of Stones of the Raj, quite rightly so. William Dairymple's fascinat-ing documentary kicked off an otherwise rather token-looking

independence of India and Paki-

stan continued - which was

weekend of programmes apparently scheduled for those having trouble sleeping through hot summer nights. The one mistake made was not gening Dalrymple on screen right at the start. As a result, I spent the first three to four minutes wondering how I was going to get through a film apparently narrated by a man with an annoyingly sibilant "s". But once Dairymple had appeared in person, to turn impediment in-to eccentricity and narration into personal essay, all became well. Very, very well, in fact.

There are six of these programmes and I can't imagine why if this first one is indicative of the quality to come - they weren't shown in the six days up to and including Thursday's anniversary. With Lahore station as his architectural starting point. Dalrymple managed to cram a huge amount of history into half-an-hour, while somehow remaining both entertaining and thought-provoking.

ahore station, he explained, was a magnificent feat of Acivil engineering, but it was also the scene of appalling massacres in the bloody run-up to partition. In the same way, it was the British-built railway system that had brought about the peaceful unification of India that, a century later, became "the instrument that brought about its final bloody division."

Tiptoeing through the minefield of religious divides and just about

avoiding being patronising as he explored the legendary bureaucracy behind railways on the subcontinent, Dalrymple courted real disaster but once — when he postulated that submission to the strictness of the timetable appealed to Muslems because it was as "merciful, omnipotent and inflexible as the great Koran itself". Hope he knows what he is talking about.

Later, I discovered I don't. Enthused by Dalrymple's history lesson, I thought I'd watch Train to Pakistan, the feature-length drama that kicked off the latenight section of the Indian Summer season. In my prejudiced. post-colonial mind's eye, I knew exactly what this would look like a beautifully shot mixture of Gandhi, Heat and Dust and Jewel in the Crown. The reality, however, was an Asian film made for Asian audiences and not for the likes of me. I therefore hold my

6.00em Business Breaklast (37895) 7.00 BBC Breaklast News (1) (83875) 9.00 Breekfast News Extra (I) (5199128) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (1) (5170418) 9.50 Esther: Gold-diggers (f) (T) (6066505) 10.20 Put It to the Test Experiments with Carol

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Mason finds himself acting as bothdefence counsel and prosecution witness (r) (T) (4964876)

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7.00 Nightmares of Nature Man-eating leopards, foot-long cartipedes and bloodithirsty vampire bats (r) (T) (2586) 7.30 Mastermind First semi-final. Subjects include British naval history 1939-45; the marathon footrace since 1896; the Professor Fen novels of E. Crispin; the life

and career of Rommel (T) (437) 8.00 EastEnders Simon regrets agreeing to attend irane's family reunion (7) (1234) 8.30 Tiger Bay Everyone comes out to celebrate the operang of the Lightship. and Maria reaches a decision, about

surprise. The athlete Colin. Jackson makes a guest appearance (1) (8881) 9.00 News; Regional News (T) and weather

9,30 French and Saunders (r) (T) (75383) Preston Front Polson's Moss Ally decides to use the occasion of a formal TA dinner to settle a

few old scores (T) (125499).

10.40 Match, of the Eightles. Danny Baker recalls the 1984-85 season and the backing Bob Dylan, and their self-titled second album. With contributions from The Band's members Robble Robertson, Levon Helm, Rick Danko and Garth Hudson, George Harrison and Eric

Clapton (1) (183418)

12.25am Unfaithfully Yeurs (1983) with

Dudley Moore and Nastassia Kirski. A
conductor plans revenge on his wife. convinced she is having an affair. Directed by Howard Zieff (1) (517890) 2.00-2.05 Weather (1301906)

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7.30 Teletubbles (r) (4312437) 7.55 Postman
Pat- (r) (1500925) 8.10 Recooms (r)
(1409302) 8.35 To Me, to You (r) (T)
(5573708) 9.05 Spiderman (r) (7910234)
9.35 Smart (r) (T) (6047470) 10.00 The
Smarts (r) (7013050) 10.25 The Brollys (r)
(4305204) 10.45 Teletubbles (r) (701470) (4305234) 10.45 Teletubbles (r) (791470) 11.15 Awasti with Colour New series. introduction to painting with watercolours

(798383)11.45 A Night to Remember (1943, b/w)

Comedy thriller stanting Brian Aheme and Loretta. Young, directed by Richard Wallace (632708) 1.15pm Glynn Christian Tastes Royal Thelland (10518437) 1.40 Blockbusters

(98737166) 2.05 The Natural World Classics (f) (T) (8765708) 3.00 News (T) and weather (2310789) 3.05 Noise Patrol (r) (T) (4455708) 3.55 News (T) and

4.00 Captain Blood (1935) Swashbuckling adventure with Errol Flynn as a susve British surgeon wrongly accused of treachery, transported to the West Indies, he escapes to become the Caribbean's most feared pirate. (65655147)

5.50 Prue Letty's Tricks of the Trade (r)

6.00 A Distant Trumpet (1964) with Troy
Donahue. Western adventure about the
trials and tribulations faced by the new
commander of a frontier outpost. Directed by Raoul Walsh (T) (6012) 8.00 Motormonth The Ulster International Rally Plus: a profile of Michael Doohan the three times 500cc grand prix

motorcycle champion (9876) 8.30 The Travel Show Where to stay in France cluring next year's World Cup; package trips to Zimbalowe (8383). 9.00 Changing Rooms in Weston-super-

Mare where designers Laurence
Leveler Bowen and Anna RyderRichardson oversee the transformation of a playroom and a spare room (1) (8073) All Mod Cons How the role of gardens has changed since the Second World War (1) (73925) 10.00 Steptoe and Son (r) (T) (67876)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (185031)

Comic bost Laman (11.15pm)

11.15 Edinburgh Nights with Mark Lamen Cornedy showcase (153692) 12.00 Weather (4122451) 12.05cm Platypus Man (8131838)

12.30em Learning Zone: The Island (51797) 1:00 Following a Score (41971) 1.39 Greenberg on Jackson Poliock (77838) 2.00 Music Maestro Collections I (14529) 4.00 Mexico Vivo 3-5 (74105) 5.38 RCN Nursing Update (71093)

6.00em GMTV (3205470)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (1) (5164857) 9.55 Judge Judy (1) (3025383) 10.20 News (T) (6810031)

10.25 Regional News (T) (6819302) 10.30 The Keys (1981) with Geoffrey Blake, Scott Brown and Brian Bloom. Two young brother finds themselves in conflict with some unscrupulous land developers when they go to live with their estranged father in Florida. Directed by Richard Compton (51886505)

12.20pm Regional News (T) (4430505) 12.30 News (T) and weather (1911692) 12.55 Our House (1996383) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (14934944) 1.50 Side Effects. Last in series (r) (5996708) 2.40 Dr Ouinn: Medicine Woman (T) (5967128)

3.29 News (T) (2327079) 3.25 Regional News (2319050)

3.30 Tots TV (r) (9861073) 3.40 Caribou Kitchen (6415383) 3.50 Cartoon Time (6444895) 4.00 Timy Toon Adventures (1) (8981875) 4.20 Dr Xargle (1) (2686483) 4.45 The Best of How (r) (4246352) 5.10 Highway to Heaven (1/2) (2459876) 5.40 News (T) and weather (871645)

5.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (857692) 6.25 HTV Weather (733673) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (321) 6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (788383) 7.06 Wheel of Fortune Game show hosted by



Denise Welch stars (7.30pm)

7.36 Coronation Street Kevin and Natalie receive an unexpected visitor (T) (505) 8.00 Green Card (1991) Romantic comedy with Gérard Depardieu, in a marriage of convenience with Andie MacDowell in order to stay in New York, then failing in love, Directed by Peter Weir (5383) 10.00 News (T) and weather (54302)

18.38 Regional News (583789) 18.40 The Time Traveller: New Towns of the Middle Ages Mick Aston visits Chipping Sodbury, Thombury and an empty field

near Axbridge (462692) 11.15 Limited Edition The Gloucestershirebased museum "Nature in Art", home to Britain's most impressive collection of wiktlife art (r) (510692)

11.45 Tropical Heat (r) (869741) 12.49am Football Extra (1765451) 1.40 White Cargo (1974) with David Jasor Hugh Lloyd and Imogen Hassall Dramatic story about a middle-aged civi

servant who dreams of becoming a superhero. Directed by Ray Selfe 3.05 Rockmania (r) (8910567) 4.05 God's Gift (r) (7879703) 5.80 Coronation Street (r) (T) (51762) 5.30 News (75819)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except 10.30am Our House (62321) 11.00 Side Effects (1770944; 11.50 Chatsworth (9795876) 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (1996353)

1.50 Blue Heelers (9984470) 2,50-3,20 High Road (6830595) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2459876) 10.40 Film: Betsy's Wedding (70743302) 12.20am Sound Bites (4958513)

1.40 Late and Loud (2084364) 2.40 Film: The Skillians (2375937) 3.55 Film: Emergency! (6903242) 4.55 Central Jobfinder '97 (70293109) 5.20 Asian Eye (6076093)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except 10.30 Our House (62321) 11.00 Side Effects (1770944) 11.50 Chatsworth (9795876) **12.20pm-12.30 []turninations** (4430505)

12.55 Home and Away (1996383) 1.25 High Road (10592499) 1.55 Murder, She Wrote (9909789) 2.50-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (6830895)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2459876) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (98234) 10.45 Robert Lenkiewicz (915383) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (869741)

MERIDIAL

10.40am David the Gnome (3511050) 11.05 Cartoon Time (4480050) 11.25 BraveStart (4486470) 11.50 Dinosaurs (9795876) 12.55pm-1.25 Shortland Street (1996383) 1.50 Summer Festivals (98711128) 2.20-3.20 1.50 Summer Pesisters (8739383) 5.10-5.40 Home and Blue Heelers (8739383) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2459876) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (741) 6.30-7.00 Wildlife Rescue (321) 10.40 Fair Cops (605924) 11.10 Meridian Masterclass (931302) 11.40 Summer Crafts (911708) 12.10am Summer Painting (8035600) 5.00 Freescreen (51762)

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SAC Starts: 7.00em The Bigger Breakfast (92207760) 9.05 Saved by the Bell (7905302) 9.35 Alex Mack (6053031) 10.05 Sister 9.35 Avex Mack (6053U31) 10.05 Sister, Sister (7095654) 10.35 The Crystal Maze (3911050) 11.35 The Bigger Breakfast (9797234) 12.05pm California Dreems (7179079) 12.30 Montel Williams (88857) 1.00 Slot Methrin (66858302) 1.15 Mirri 1.30 Films Come in the Stable (19024418) 3.15 Come to the Stable (19924418) 3.15 Machinations (4816012) 3.30 Here's One I Machinations (4816012) 3.30 Here's One 1 Made Earlier (499) 4.00 Bewitched (234) 4.30 The Living Sea (418) 5.00 Gardens Without Borders (8760) 5.30 Countdown (470) 6.05 Heno (835470) 6.35 Hollol Bananas (740963) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (945741) 7.25 Yr Unig Gymraes Yn Athen (234418) 8.00 Chwb Gymraes Yn Amen (234418) 8.00 Crwb Gerddio (4944) 8.30 Newyddion (3079) 9.00 Wild Islands (2673) 10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? (52944) 10.30 Film: Sleep with Me (70761708) 12.05am Film: To the Devil a

CHANNEL 4 6.00sm Sesame Street (r) (20505) 7.00 The

Bigger Breakfast with 9.05 Saved by the Beti (r) (T) 9.35 Alex Mack 10.05 Sister. Sister (r) 10.35 The Crystal Maze (r) (T) 11.25 The Bigger Breakdast (15854483) 12.05pm California Dreams (r) (7179079) 12.30 Light Lunch (r) (74383) 1.30 The Vertical Load. Short film (43477505)

1.35 An American Guerrilla in the Philippines (1950) Second World War drama starring Tyrone Power as an American Navy lieutenant stranded in the Philippines amid the occupying Japanese. Directed by Fritz Lang (T)

3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Honey duck salad tertyaki; pantried salmon and sorrel; chocolate shortbread tart (T) (499) 4.00 Bewritched (r) (T) (234) 4.30 Countdown (T) (7591429) 4.55 Montel Williams (T) (6677012) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (470) 6.00 Home Improvement Tim gives his high-school teacher a lesson (T) (383)

6.30 Hollyoaks Angela waits for her test results (T) (963) 7,00 Channel 4 News (693012)

7.50 Girls, Girls, Girls The pressure of studying for exams (644760) 8.00 Chizen's Arrest David
Seaman was brain-damaged
and partially blinded after an industrial accident lour years ago for which his

employers refuse to accept responsibility. Determined to prove a connection, David seeks expert medical opinion (T) (4944)



A tough competitor

8.30 Short Stories: Tough Going
Every January, more than
2,000 people compete in Britain's most gruelling cross-country endurance race Tough Guy" (1) (3079)

9.00 On Jupiter Repeated in memory of astronomer Eugene Shoemaker, who died lest month, this programme examines some of the early results received from the Galileo atmosphere probe (r) (T) (2673)

10.00 NYPD Blue New York police drama. Simone angers Russell when she takes Liery into custody (1) (5760)

11.00 Renegade TV: The season of "alternative" films continues. Good 'n' Gone Will endeavours to change his identity (7876) 11.30 Party Monster The rise of (78/6) 11.30 Party Monester The rise of New York club king Michael Alig (701963) 12.35am X Tripping: Death The incorporation of death into counterculture (3/3) (3310797) 12.50 Heaven and Hell — Livel Interactive entertainment show (1755074)

1.50 Game of War (r) (6953987) 2.50 Broadway Stories: Dream Street Rose (8994529)

3.25 Private Crimes In Italian with English subtitles (765797)

5.00 Place and People (r) (T) (4802513) 5.20 Film and Video Showcase (9504548)

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7.02 and 7.20 MHz 6.00am 5 News Early (7539012) 7.30 WideWorld Series on various aspects of health. Today clinical trials (6255302)

8.00 Havakezoo (2688673) 8,30 The Enid Blyton Adventure Series (3/3) (1) (2687944)

9.00 Wind in the Willows (2678296) 9.30 Stickin' Around (6812645) 1**0.00 Exclusive** (r) (9739789) 10.30 Attractions (r) (2607708) 11.00 Leeza Chat show (2834789) 11.50 Double Espresso (33454418)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Los Angeles-based soap (2681760) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (6517893) 1.00 5 News 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (1545215)

2.00 5's Company (3952470) 3.30 The Shop at Sty Corner (1948, b/w) with Oscar Homolka, Derek Farr and Muriel Paviow. A drama about an antiques dealer who becomes a victim of a blackmail plot. Directed by George King

(9457811) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (60106499) 5.30 100 Per Cent (5924079)

6.00 Move on Up (T) (5914692) 6.30 Family Affairs Jack is haunted by his actions (T) (5905944) 7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip magazine

(4159019) 7.30 Animal Calypso: Year of the Burning A new wildlife documentary series begins with a look at how the flora and fauna of the Florida Everglades survived the massive forest fire of 1980 (T) (5901128)

8.00 Hot Property Advice for a middle-aged ise their dream of retiring to Spain (8854627) . 8.30 5 News (T) (3604924)

9.00 Halifax FP The second of three featurestaming Rebecca Gibney. Jane is called in to assess a woman who has confessed to murdering her child (T) (41539091)



Stand-in Neil Fox (10.55pm)

10.55 Not the Jack Docherty Show With Neil "Doctor" Fox (5163031) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8985876)

12.40am Live and Dangerous Sports maga-(46444677)

4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama senes (T) (8620074) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6291277)

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8.00sm Morning Glosy (906673) 9.00 Regis and Kather Lee (85196) 10.00 Another World (59944) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (79708) 12.00 The Oprah Whitey Show (29128) 1.00pm Gensido (38876) 2.00 Sely Jessy Rephael (55576) 3.00 Jenny Jones (36302) 4.00 The Oprah Whitey Show (36302) 4.00 The Live 6 Show (5321) 6.30 (9031) 6.00 The Live 6 Show (5321) 6.30 Memied — with Children (8973) 7.00 The Smpsons (7950) 7.30 M*A*5*H (2957) 8.00 Star Trek: Voyager (7738) 9.06 Politogist The Logacy (57325) 10.00 Siders (50012) 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (50673) 12.00 Late Show with David Lettermen (42180) 1.00ass Hz Mix Florg Pay (8303567) 6.00am Morning Glory (906673) 9.00 Regis Long Play (8303567)

SKY 2 7.00pm Superboy (8711055) 7.30 Superboy (9074012) 8.00 ENS and Ma (2395499) 10.00 National Geographic Channel Spacial (8307234) 11.00 in the Heat of the Natiful (833673) 12.00 Hz Mix Lone New 8237018

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6.00em biarriage on the Rocks (1965)
(39554) 8.00 How the West Was Fun
(1993) (25128) 10.00 The Borrowers
(1973) (54675) 71.30 Heart Like a Wheel
(1983) (95031) 1.30pm Cops and
Robbarsons (1394) (2544105) 3.15
How the West Was Fun (1983)
(2002253) 7.00 Hermies and the Lost
(1903) (55744) 11.00 The Good Ser
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(1993) (550618) 2.10 The Sphral Shalinese (1975) (180535) 3.40 A Vow to Kit

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00mm Prince of Force (1949) [96296] 8.00 Sods and Loves (1960) [84367415] 9.40 Mr. North (1966) (1595215) 11.10

Bediam (1946) (8510437) 12,30pm Studio, Rutile and Hockl (1994) (30302)-2.00 Back Street (1961) [77234] 4.00 A Troll in Central Park (1994) (2505) 6.00 Night of the Twisters (1996) (8255) 7.30 E Feature: Picture Perfect (8965) 2.00 Crimes of Silence (1996) (84215) 10.00 The Hanted (1996) [145700] 11,50 Boys on the Side (1995) (741437) 1.50mm it Was Him or Us (1995) (392364) 3.25 Not of This Earth (1995) (6140425) SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Bites Sides (1946) (9905215) 8.00 Silver Streek (1976) (900760) 10.00 Colors (1988) (5405854) 12.05mm Dractile Has Risen from the Care (1968) (9250161) 1.40 The Riston of Mickey Spillene's Miles Hammer (1985) (228-626) 9.20-1.55, The First Travelling (288-626) 9.20-1.55, The First Travelling

9.00pm The Woodertol World of the Brothers Grison (1982) (22509980) 11.15. The Adventures of Quentils Durward (1985) (53043605) 1.00pm Jack the Ripper (1960) (83951238) 2.30-5.00 Bridge to the Sun (1981) (98918567) SKY SPORTS 1

7.30am World Superbitus Championship (49416) B.30 Racing Naws (16789) 9.00 (World Sport Special (90741) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (36031) 10.00 Dundee United V Hiberman (46741) 11.30 Sunvival of the Plassi (72760) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (10505) 12.90yra Wasersports World (3673) 1.30 Dundee United v Hiberman (29708) 3.00 Rugby Langue: Laeds v London (72554) 4.30 Futbol Mundel (8302) 5.00 Wasersports World (4505) 6.00 Sports London (72654) 4.30 Futbol Mundel (8302) 5.00 Westersports World (4505) 6.00 Scott Cerare (8645) 8.30 World Windsurfing Tour (1447) 7.00 Golt: US PGA Chemploreship (744760) 10.00 Sports Centre (11224) 10.30 Westersports World (87654) 11.00 High 5 (47037) 12.00 Sports Centre (58180) 12.30em Luson Town v Southerd United (88422) 2.00-2.30 Sports Centre (43033)

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Football League Review (77825708)
1.30pes Golf: US PGA Championship
(39728505) 4.30 Wild Spirits (88742147)
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(7082292) 7.00 Football: Liden Town V
Southend United — UNe (98236741) 10.00
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11.00-11.30 Wild Spirits (83327168)

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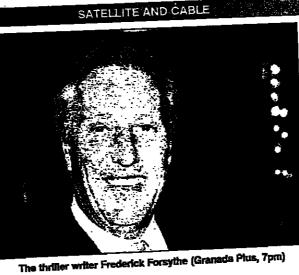
7.30mm Cycling: Rochester international Classic (33598) 8.20 Swimming: European Championships — Live (29499) 10.00 Motorsport: Motors Magazine (33588) 11.00 IndyCar: Texacol-featorine 200 (20129) 1.00pm Tractor Pulling: Europup (20470) 2.00 Triestitors: ETU Long Distance Championships (75418) 3.00 Swimming: European Championships (213085) 3.45 Swimming: European Championships — Live (7996389) 5.00 Motorsports; Speciworld Magazine (94301) 9.80 Swimming: European Championships (13505) 10.00 Pochast: European (13505) 10.00 Pochast: European (13505) 10.00 Pochast: European (14301) 9.80 Swimming: European Championships (13505) 10.00 Pochast: European (14504) 1.100-1.20ean Shooker: Stephen Hendy v Fornie O'Sulliven (10741)

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(70617437) 9.10 Sinbad (310019) 9.30-10.00 Golden Girls (83983) FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Deliy and His Finands (7061963) 6.30 Princictio (9822168) 7.00 Samural Pizza Cats (8326925) 7.30 Hero Turtles (838760) 8.00 Casper (1137401) 8.30 Power Rangers Zeo (2587942) 9.00 Masked Rider (8882394) 9.30 Beetleborgs (5297470) 10.00 Spiderman (8334944) 11.00 X Men (2258944) 11.30 Presion [5297470] 10.00 Spoternam (5297470) 10.00 Spoternam (5295473) 12.00 The Tick (4482578) 12.00 The Tick (4482578) 12.30 pm Life with Louis (520856) 1.00 Casper (8225296) 1.30 Eek (5207857) 2.00 Semural Pizza Cats (2311019) 2.30 Hero Turtias (5993147) 3.00 Casper (7161316) 3.30 Power Rangers Zeo (5998982) 4.00 Masked Rider (5984499) 4.30 Beetleborgs (897383) 5.00 Spoternam (9161596) 6.00 X Men (5394876) 6.30-7.00 Groseburms (5986128) osebumps (5985128)

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Gordon (65079) 11.00 Creepy Crewlers 17857) 11.30 Cadillacs and Dirnosaus (18566) 12.00 Gravedale High (49031) 12.30pm Sturt Dawys (76373) 1.00 Bat-men (23165) 1.30 Dangermouse (76944) 2.00 Creepy Crawlers (1924) 2.30 Flach Gordon (5168) 3.00 Sonc (9079) 3.30 Earthworm Jim (7833) 4.00 Denns the Menace (6418) 4.30-8.00 Arl Attack (5302) CARTOON NETWORK Non-stop careons from 5.00em to 9.00pm includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye NICKELODEON

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National Grid ready to float Energis before end of the year

By Eric Reguly

ENERGIS, the telecommunications arm of the National Grid, will probably be floated before the end of the year unless the stock markets crack, David Jones, the Grid's chief executive, said yesterday

Mr Jones, an Energis director, said the Grid would sell no more than 49 per cent of Energis because it was confident of the business's long-term prospects and did

not want to lose control. He said: "The Jones would neither confirm nor deay. optic cables were simply placed underonly problem we have with Energis is that its value is not reflected in the Grid's share price." He emphasised, however, that the Grid board had not yet decided whether to proceed with flotation and that other scenarios, although less likely, were not being ruled out. A demerger was one.

Analysts estimated that a flotation would value Energis at between £800 million and £1.2 billion, a figure that Mr

Using a mid-range valuation, flotation could raise almost £500 million for the Grid. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson is acting as the Grid's financial adviser.

Energis was launched in early 1993 as a low-cost alternative to the national transmission systems owned by British Telecom and Mercury Communications. No digging was required to build the Energis network: high-capacity fibre-

neath the Grid's electricity pylons. The Grid has invested about £575 million in Energis, a figure that includes switching technology. The network is considered among the most advanced in the world and has enough capacity for multimedia applications such as video

and the Internet. Energis got off to a slow start, partly because enough national capacity existed

transmission needs and partly because it offered extremely low prices to its first customers, including the BBC. Original forecasts called for profits last year, in fact, it reported an operating loss of £52.4 million on turnover of £97.1 million.

In an effort to reduce financial risk, the won an international licence and recruit- shortly.

called broadband capacity increases: Analysts said that Energis already carried more than half of the country's Internet traffic, the fastest growing part of the telecoms market.

Mr Jones said that Energis was on the verge of reporting profits before interest. Grid tried, but failed, to find a partner for , taxes, depreciation and amortisation. A Energis. The telecoms company has since new marketing plan is to be unveiled

City braced for shares to fall again

By Graham Searjeant, Financial editor

BLUE CHIP shares are and then retreated in thin likely to open a further 1 per cent lower in London this morning as market-makers cut prices of leading stocks in the hope of enticing buyers before New York opens.

Their success, along with investors' appetite for price discounts in European and American markets, will determine whether the long global buil market can continue, or will end with a sharp reversal. Sharp falls are likely in

Paris, Milan and some other continental markets that were closed on Friday. But Hong Kong which saw a big fall then, is closed today.

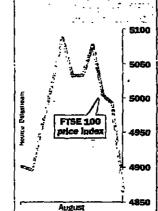
The FTSE 100 index fell 28 per cent on Friday, ending at its lowest for the day. But losses in New York doubled after London had closed and the Dow Jones industrial average eventually lost 3.1 per cent. making a two-week drop of 6.1

Wall Street stocks have dipped sharply at the end of two successive weeks, underlining the volatility of financial markets in thin August trading. On Friday, in both London and New York, index options also expired, withdrawing technical support.

Volatile share prices this month have taken their cue from the foreign exchanges. where the dollar and sterling first surged against the mark speculative trading. Currency waves affected bonds, which

On Friday, however, there were signs of a more basic change of sentiment to US equities. Anxious equity investors switched to bonds, leaving their prices higher on the day. Last week, more than \$300 million is also reported to have flowed out of mutual funds, the driving force behind the share boom.

American shares have risen 22 per cent since mid-March, when the Federal Reserve Board last raised short-term interest rates. Traders are now looking more nervously to this week's meeting of the Fed's rate-setting open market com-



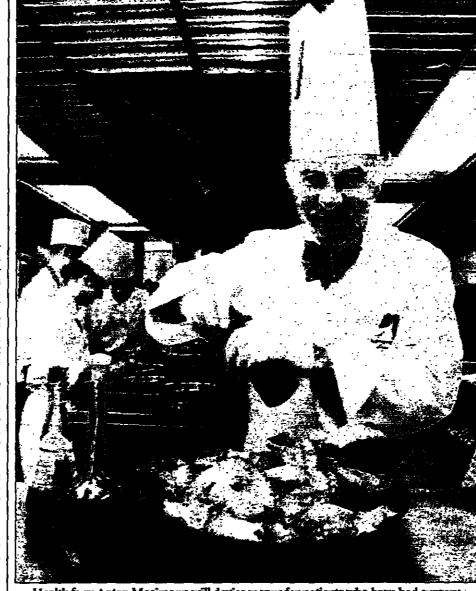
mittee, which begins tomorrow. No rise in rates is likely, however, after several statistics confirming that inflation and wage growth remain low. US shares have historically high ratings, selling at an average 25 times earnings and yielding 1.5 per cent dividends. Shares in the FTSE 100 sell at

an average 18 times earnings and yield 3.4 per cent. Bears of Wall Street, who include nearly all UK fund managers, argue that interest rates have not gone up because the economy and profits growth are slackening. Coca-Cola and Gillette disappointed

in the past six trading days.
In the UK too, blue chips have been buoyed by international buying. The FTSE 100 index of the biggest companies is up 18 per cent this year, even though the strength of sterling has shrunk forecasts of profit growth and short-term inter-

est rates have gone up. Most other UK shares have scarcely risen at all th year however. The Bank of England also made clear last week that it did not intend to change interest rates again before November, giving fur-ther support to the share London will be undermined

if the mark surges back against sterling. The Bundesbank, which has expressed anxiety over the mark, meets on Thursday and could allow its market interest rate to rise. The mark's recovery makes this less likely.



PPP cooks up Mosimann deal

A PRIVATE health insurer is hoping to gain an edge in the highly competitive market by offering post-operative haute cuisine from one of Britain's top chefs (Sarah Cunningham

Anton Mosimann has been signed up by PPP Healthcare to help to train chefs in its hospital network and to devise menus for patients who have had surgery. Mr Mosimann, a Londonbased Swiss-German, has made his "cuisine naturelle"

famous through TV series, cookery books, and his own restaurants and dining club. His technique relies heavily on fruit and vegetables and is light on butter, cream and

Bass has

other fats. A typical menu for patients will be Chinese egg noodles with aubergine and mange-tout followed by grilled sea bass oriental with market vegetables and then bananas baked in foil with vanilla and citrus sauce.

The company declined to say how much Mr Mosimann would be paid for his work. .

Pension funds urged to ditch big investment managers

under increasing pressure to dump their traditional allegiances to the biggest investment managers in the light of their recent weak performance.

The latest survey of pension fund growth revealed a dismal showing in the past year by Mercary Asset Management. Schroders, PDFM and Gartmore - all giants of the sector. Less well-known fund managers are now intensifying efforts to persuade the advisers to pension funds trustees that they have the regimented approach to investment that will make them long-term

The survey, by Combined Actuarial Performance Services (Caps), examined the performance of mixed with prop-erty funds. These are pooled vehicles for pension schemes that are not large enough to have their own individual fund. Although often dwarfed in size by client-specific, or tailored, funds, particularly in Mercury, mixed-with-property funds are often run by star managers because their performance is easy to follow, making them a shop window for prospective clients.

Mercury's E4 billion fund was placed sixty-eighth out of 70 in the year to June 30, with a growth rate of just 7.2 per cent. Gartmore's main fund was sixty-second over the year and sixty-sixth in the first half of 1997. PDFM, which has long taken a pessimistic stance on UK equities, was fifty-sixth

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The underperformance is starting to have an effect on five year performance. Both Mercury and Schroders have now slipped out of the top dozen. PDFM languishes at 50 out of 61. Gartmore at 38.

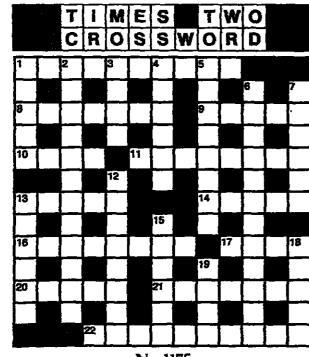
Smaller companies are putting pressure on the actuaries who advise pension fund trustees on their choice of manager. They want to end what they see as a complacent reliance on the big houses and their historic records. These consultants now

have egg on their faces," said a member of one management house that is intensifying its lobbying efforts. They have been saying at conferences and dinners that they are aware they have to find the new contenders."

The investment consultants say these companies have to prove that they have an approach that can be replicated in size. They say the top of the performance list is dominated by small managers who do not have to worry about moving the market whenever they make a decision and whose performance may be too vola-

tile for long term purposes.

Steven Mendel, an invest-ment consultant at Alexander Clay, the actuarial firm, said Britannia is one growing many ager that is seen as displaying the right regimentation in its approach, the hallmark of traditional stars.



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BRITISH TELECOM'S efforts to lower the £14 billion price it agreed to pay for MCI will probably fail, one of America's best known consult-Audrey Mandela, interna-

tional senior vice-president of the Yankee Group, which specialises in teleconts consulting and research, said: "It seems to me that BT will have very little room for negotiation The message from MCI is that the contract cannot be renegotiated and is solid."

Ms Mandela, however, does not think that BT will walk away from the deal, even if the price stays the same. She said that BT's international strategy hinged on developing a strong presence in America, where most of the world's largest multinational companies were based.

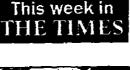
BT has admitted privately that it probably faces a no-win situation. If it abandons the merger, or refuses to complete it unless the price is lowered substantially. MCI will undoubtedly launch a barrage of lawsuits in the US courts. If BT agrees to the deal on the terms announced last autumn, it risks a shareholder

British institutions are

putting enormous pressure on BT to pay far less for MCI and may demand the resignations of Sir lain Vallance, chairman, and Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive, if the price stavs the same. BT will not reveal its strate gy until a wide-ranging review of the merger and MCI's

operations is completed at the end of the month. BT played down rumours that GTE, America's largest local phone company, was seeking to re-place BT as MCI's parmer. The merger ran into trouble in July when MCI revealed

that losses in its local opera-tions would be hundreds of millions of dollars higher than originally forecast. There is a good chance that BT will scale back MCI's local investment if it proceeds with the merger.



Consumers are spending, but John Grieve Smith asks



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The DIY sector is booming. out is the market set to collapse about its ears? Thursday
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hit list of potential takeovers By SARAH CUNNINGHAM BASS, the brewing and leisure

group, is understood to have drawn up a hit list of potential acquisitions. They include Stakis, the hotel and casino group. William Hill, the bookmaker, and First Leisure, the bingo and disco operator run by Michael Grade.

Bass, which is being advised by Schroders, is also believed to be running the slide rule over various hotel groups in Europe. It would like to be able to convert some hotels to Holiday Inns, the chain which is looking to expand.

The company, whose 1205 million planned acquisition of the Carlsberg Tetley brewing group was blocked by the Government, declined to comment yesterday on a report that it is considering a £650 million bid for First Leisure.

First Leisure, operator of the Blackpool Tower as well as hightclubs, health centres. and bingo halls, also declined to comment. Bass has been rumoured for

some weeks to be planning an offer. It remains in the running to buy William Hill from Brent Walker, but is thought to be running a distant third, behind Cinven, the leveraged buyout specialist, and a Malaysian gaming group. Final bids are expected at the end of next month.

First Leisure is vulnerable

to a bid because its shares have performed poorly since their rise earlier this year, when Michael Grade, the former chief executive of Channel 4, armounced that he become executive

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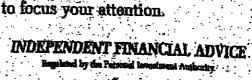
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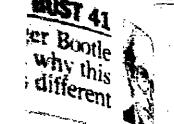
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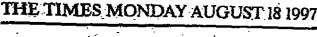
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Young strike gold in Silicon Valley wealth and economic activity

Every day last year 62 millionaires were created as the valley's high-tech firms went public, writes Ian Brodie



SIXTY-TWO millionaires ing billions and billions of were made every day last year dollars. in Silicon Valley, the land of the modern California Gold Rush. A survey shows that these astonishing riches were the result of one high-tech company, going public, on average every five days, rais.

.. Scores of secretaries, receptionists, office managers and other support workers cashed in on the seemingly boundless prosperty, along with elec-tronic wizards; software gemuses and other young entrepreneurs who swarmed into the valley. _-There are now 7,000 hightech firms crammed into the

> market value of publicly held companies in and around the valley has reached \$450 billion (£280 billion), close to that of the entire French stock These statistics come from the American magazine Busi-

marking the 40th anniversary

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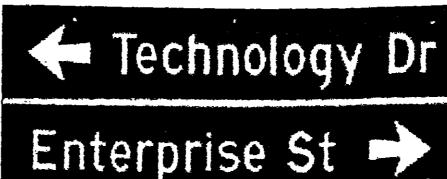
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when the so-called Traitorous Eight walked out of laboratories run by William Shockley. the British-born inventor of the transistor. They founded Fairchild Semiconductor, the first company to work exclusively in silicon. As Business Week puts it. in

ever seen in such a short

Silicon Valley millionaires are as typical as a sunny day. Risks are great, but the rewards can be amazing, in 1993. Heather Beach started as a receptionist for Siebel Systems inc, makers of sales information software. One of five employees, she was the dogsbody doing everything from answering phones to ordering office supplies.

Then 25, she reckoned she had a chance of becoming a millionaire by 30. Four years later she has surpassed her so by choosing to take some of her salary in equity on top of the stock options she was granted. Siebel went public in boom is described as the and more than quadrupled by largest single creation of December. For every dollar



Sign of the times: street directions reflect the business culture that rules the valley

Ms Beach took in shares instead of cash, she earned at

She has celebrated with a pair of rollerblades and a new bed, but like a surprising number of the valley's newly minted young millionaires she is too busy for the wealth to change her life. Many invest in retirement accounts, but later take some to buy a home.

In the smartest neighbourhoods, "starter" houses go for \$800,000. Anything more comfortable is in the \$2 million range. The ultra-rich buy undeveloped property to park their helicopters. "Keeping up with the neighbours in Silicon Valley is weird," said one chief executive. "It's not 'Do your kids go to a private school? but 'Do they have a private jet?"

each week and many fail. But every would-be entrepreneur is driven by the legend of Apple, started in a Silicon Valley 20 years ago by Steven Jobs and Stephen Wozniak with \$1,300.

Silicon Valley's vitality and stock-option culture might be the quintessence of the Ameri can dream, but the wealth does not trickle down. Thou-

sands of caretakers, postmen and other low-income workers have to go up to 90 miles away to find affordable housing.

There are chief executives

earning \$10,000 a day, but

their office cleaners get \$8 an

Much of the valley's energy is driven by venture capitalists, people like Ann Winblad. who has her own firm and is one of the few to invest only in software. She has spotted several winners and attributes networking" that takes her to industry events four evenings

ly bumping into each other at the same haunts as they try to seal the deal of the day.

Lawyers who know the ins and out of patents and startups are in heavy demand. With the touch of a button. boilerplate stock-option plans and prospectuses roll out of word processors at law firms like instant company-making machines.

job at Apple Computer Inc.

vested \$100 million for a half-

many thousands since 1994,

according to Payment Systems

summer, raising \$46 million.
"This is Mecca," he said. The survey concludes that Silicon Valley is perhaps the Many success stories are most unusual business enviimmigrants for whom Silicon Valley is a level playing field. ronment on the planet. "It is As a youngster growing up in daredevil business, where risk-taking is the norm and ways drawn to America and the penalty is not for failure, set off in 1986. It was a bad but for not trying," it says. beginning. All his belongings

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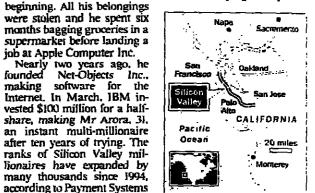
Christos Cotsakos, chief exec-

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Arafat makes threat to drop peace accords

IN JERUSALEM

YASSIR ARAFAT has threatened for the first time to abandon the peace accords with Israel as the Palestinian Authority launched a boycott of Israeli products.

The moves are in protest against Israeli sanctions imposed on the Palestinians after Jerusalem more than two weeks ago. The PLO leader said he was still committed to peace, but if necessary the Palestinians were ready to give up everything achieved since the peace accords were signed in 1993 and return to

the struggles of the past. out and start anew," he said in an address to academics and journalists in Nablus, Last. night Israeli and Palestinian officials were due to meet in Ramallah, also in the West Bank, in the presence of CIA representatives. The talks were part of a trilateral framework established during the recent visit to the Middle East by Dennis Ross, the US-spe-

Khaled Islam, Mr Arafat's economic adviser, said that a plan had been developed grad-

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ually to close the Palestinian market to Israeli products. He said the Israelis could not expect to sell their goods to

Palestinians at the same time as they were withholding tax revenue from the Palestinian Authority. Mr Islam said that the boycott would be selective and gradual, starting with a ban on the purchase of nonessential goods. a double suicide bombing in . Mr Arafat said that Israel's

economic sanctions, particularly the withholding of E43 million in taxes and custom duties, were meant to people, starve the Palestinian people and make them kneel". But the tactic would not work. at The Palestinian people will "We are willing to wipe it all not kneel to anyone but God."

> Mr Arafat said that Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, should learn the true nature of the Palestinian people, adding that his followers would not bow to Israeli pressure to arrest known Islamic extremists in the Palestinian self-rule areas." We reject the Israeli demands that we act against our brethren and do not intend to accept dictates on this from anyone." Mr Arafat then ridiculed

Israel, referring to the Jewish

He counted the countries that had voted against a United Nations General Assembly resolution in April condemn-Jewish neighbourhood in east Jerusalem. In conclusion, he said, the world responded by a vote of 134 to 3: "Micronesia, Greater Micronesia and America". The same three nations voted for a similar

resolution in July.

Mr Arafat said that, while he did not accept the Israeli demands for stronger security co-operation, there was clear evidence that the Palestinian. Authority did not tolerate lawlessness. He pointed to the arrest over the weekend of three Palestinian car thieves and their prompt conviction for the murder of an Israeli taxi driver from Jerusalem. whose body was found

state as "greater Micronesia".

dumped in a cistern in Jericho. Two Palestinians were sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour and the third, a minor, was jailed for 15 years. "We implement Palestinian law, but not the dictates," he said. "This is the main basis we had agreed up-Americans before."



Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, tries to relax with his wife, Sara, and son, Avner, on a Mediterranean beach at Caeserea. However, relaxation perhaps is not particularly easy for a family that is always surrounded by security men

police commander, described the murder of Shmuel Ben-Baruch, the taxi driver, as criminal and a terrorist act. Betty Ben-Baruch, the driver's wife, said: "If they just wanted his money, they would have let him live." A few hours before

the funeral yesterday, she said that in recent years her husband had grown more sympathetic to the Palestinian cause. "I want the Palestinian people to know that he loved Arabs and I hope that their con-

kill again," she told Israel

David Bar-Illan, a senior adviser to Mr Netanyahu. said the arrests of the killers showed that the Palestinian Authority was capable of

to", adding: "This is an example of what we expect the authority to do in the future in all security cases."

Despite the public hostility between Israel and the Palestinians, the two sides were

Last night's planned meeting in Ramallah was a direct product of Mr Ross's five-day visit to the region last week in an attempt to promote security co-operation between the two

Few go to

jail in

clean-up

campaign

BY RICHARD OWEN

matism behind the scenes.

Drive for reform begins to falter

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

ONLY three months after President Yeltsin launched a campaign to tackle the age old scourge of corruption in Russia, the initiative to clean up government appears, like so many other efforts before it, to be going nowhere.

In May this year the Kremlin leader, under the influence of Boris Nemtsov, his young and energetic Deputy Prime

RUSSIA

Minister, signed a presidential decree designed to stamp out bribe taking and embezzlement from the top ranks of government. Under the order, the country's most senior 500 officials were instructed to declare their income and

But as senior figures began to disclose their assets, the exercise appeared to become more and more divorced from

While the failure of the initiative is greeted with a shrug of resignation by most Russians, foreign investors say that, if the problem is not dealt with, it will damage the country's long-term prospects for economic recovery.

Billions in loans used as weapon to defeat Third World's graft

International Monetary Fund are clamping down on releasing money to corrupt governments.
The crackdown reflects their

determination, too long de-layed, to withhold loans from countries where corruption and bribery are so pervasive that they act as a drag on The World Bank has sus-

pended operations in several countries on the ground that its money cannot reach ordinary people because of an institutional maze of fraud and bribery. The targeted nations include Nigeria. Sudan and Afghanistan. Early this month the IMF

sent the Kenyan shilling and Nairobi stock market into a tailspin when it suspended a loan of \$220 million (£138 million) to Kenya after President Moi failed to create a new anti-corruption authority demanded by the fund. Kenya had also refused to reinstate Samuel Chebii, who had been dismissed as Commissioner for Customs and Excise. His reputation for fighting graft had apparently incurred the

Government's displeasure The World Bank has recently delayed smaller loans to Kenya over concerns about persistent corruption in the regime of Mr Moi who has been in power since 1978. The IMF had been irritated

with Kenya before over what

fraudulent diversion of its export incentive funds to a business selling gold and dia-monds, neither of which Kenva produces.

Last year the IMF halted a \$120 million loan to Cambodia for six months after promised government revenues from logging concessions mysteriously failed to materialise. The campaign to stamp out

corruption began in earnest at last September's meeting of the world's finance ministers when James Wolfensohn, president of the World Bank. and Jean-Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF. announced that for the first time they would use the leverage of their loans to poorer nations to insist on better



Camdessus: rule of law essential to confidence

in Hong Kong next month the finance ministers will hear

that both the institutions are

keeping their word.

Two weeks ago the IMF executive board issued guidelines spelling out how it will deal with crooked regimes seeking loans. They were alerted to expect emphatic demands for the elimination of bribery, corruption and fraud in the management of public resources.

M Camdessus promised that the IMF would not veer from its main focus of encouraging and advising client countries to expand trade, reduce inflation and undertake market reforms. But increasingly, he said, the IMF finds that enforcing the rule of law and tackling corruption are essential for fostering confidence in the private sector and enabling Third World

economies to prosper. An example of how the IMF interprets its new mandate was this month's successful leaning on Romania to cancel a proposed purchase of 96 Cobra attack helicopters from America at a cost of \$1 billion. The IMF argued that the deal would upset economic reforms and divert funds from health and education programmes. The fund said these were greater priorities than costly weapons in the transition to capitalism.

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Mandela's men quick to learn old ways

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

IN South Africa the corruption culture has its roots in the institutionalised lawlessness of anartheid. But the African National Congress Government appears quickly to have learnt old tricks and there is increasing alarm about corruption's spread in public life. A recent survey showed the country is perceived by inter-

national business firms as more and more corruptionprone. It placed South Africa 33rd on a table of 52, lower

SOUTH AFRICA

even than some countries in Eastern Europe after

Close on the heels of that survey earlier this month, the National Party released its "corruption barometer" which claimed that 20 billion rands (about £3 billion) has disappeared through corruption since the ANC took power. Accusing the ANC of attempting to dodge the issue, the party challenged Presi-dent Mandela to put the prevention of public service corruption in the same category as the prevention of other

Martinus van Schalkwyk, a party spokesman, said corruption was out of control. leading to the "institutional collapse of the public sector and seriously tarnishing South Africa's image".

INDIA AND PAKISTAN

MPs at heart of corruption

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDER Kumar Gujral, the Indian Prime Minister, is taking unprecedented steps to combat corruption, three days after calling for a mass movement against public fraud. He said he was ashamed that India was listed among the world's ten most corrupt He urged businessmen to

give him the names of corrupt politicians and bureaucrats. "I promise support and protection. I will not expose you," he told the Confederation of Indian Industry. "I know you give money to government officials]. You tell me this privately, but lose courage in naming the officials."

He has also established a special unit in the Prime Minister's Office to deal with complaints of corruption against Cabinet ministers. MPs and senior bureaucrats



Guiral: ashamed of

rooted, however, that Mr Gujral may find it all but impossible to pick off a few powerful individuals without causing ructions at the highest

levels of bureaucracy. Mr

Gujral noted that poor people

suffered from corruption, too

cent of funds for anti-poverty

schemes went missing.

because an estimated 85 per

Corruption became rooted

under the Government of

Indira Gandhi, and almost

every Prime Minister since

then has left office with a

sullied reputation. It costs a lot

of money to get elected to parliament — vote banks are

bought from caste leaders and

influential people within the

party must be bribed - and

politicians are preoccupied

with recouping their invest-ment as quickly as they can.

The situation is worse in

Pakistan, the most corrupt

country after Nigeria, accord-

ing to the German-based

Transparency International.

Politicians owe millions of

pounds borrowed from

nationalised banks. Few MPs

bother to pay electricity or gas

bills, and 95 per cent of people

pay no taxes. Seventy per cent

of government revenues come

from the Karachi business

community, without which the

country would collapse.
The Government has

launched an "accountability"

process, in which corrupt poli-

ticians are to be brought to

book, but it has become some-

ITALIAN public life has been

dogged by corruption since the Second World War, when Christian Democrat-dominated governments held sway almost continuously for four decades, creating a cosy relationship between the administration and big business. The influence of the Mafia has also corrupted politics.

A number of former Prime Ministers are under investigation for alleged corruption. including Giulio Andreotti. Bettino Craxi - who fled to

Tunisia to avoid a jail sentence - and Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon.

The climate changed in 1992, when Milan-based magistrates led by Antonio Di Pietro launched the "Clean Hands" campaign. Hundreds of officials and businessmen were arrested or questioned, and the investigations exposed a huge and tangled network of bribes, or tangenti. On the other hand only a handful of politicians and businessmen have served jail sentences and the public has grown weary of what some see as a zealous and puritanical campaign.

Moreover, Signor Pietro, still widely admired, is under investigation for alleged misconduct and acceptance of bribes while a magistrate - which he denies.

A killer of kings and countrymen



Nigel Hawkes on the doctors who are trying to solve the mystery of the sweating sickness that haunted Tudor England

udor England was haunted by a had identified the cause of the disease — a frightening disease that struck at hantavirus carried by mice and passed on the height of summer. It carried off the finest in the land, as well as humbler folk. It may even have changed the course of English history, because records show that it killed Prince Arthur, the elder brother of Henry VIII, who would otherwise have become king.

The English Sweating Sickness, or Sudor Anglicus, was a devastating disease. A man could be healthy one day, short of breath the next, and dead the day after. "Merrie at dinner, dedde at supper summed it up with only slight exaggera-tion. The fever did not visit every year, but there were five clear-cut epidemics, in 1485, 1508, 1517, 1528 and 1551, after which it disappeared, never to return. In villages throughout Britain, parish

records bear mute witness to the awful consequences of the 1551 epidemic. Dr Alan Dyer, an historian at the University of North Wales in Bangor, has recently catalogued the effects, by consulting 680 parish registers in a tour de force of social history. He found abundant evidence that the gravediggers were busy in July and August that year; in Thaxed, Essex, for example, II people were buried in just four days in July, while at East Down in Devon there were 12 burials in one August week. These were small places in which the impact of so many deaths must have been enormous.

What caused these epidemics has long been one of the great unsolved mysteries of medicine. There appear to have been no direct parallels abroad, and the symptoms do not fit those of plague, malaria or typhus. But so great was the impact of the sweats that it gave rise to the first monograph devoted to a single disease, John Caius's 1552 dissertation A boke, or counseill against the disease commonly called the sweate, or sweating sicknesse. Caius, who was President of the Royal College of Physicians, gave his name to Gonville and Calus College,

Many diagnoses have been offered by medical sleuths, but none seemed quite right. But in 1993 an outbreak of a new disease in the southwestern United States provided fresh evidence. At least 17 people died of a mystery illness that began rather like flu but developed swiftly, flooding the victims' lungs with fluids and killing them

Today's medicine has powers undreamt of by Caius or the unfortunate victims of the sweat. Within months, experts from the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta

in their droppings. In truth, the disease was not new. Hantaviruses are named after the Hantaan River in Korea, where a virus infected 3,000 American soldiers during the Korean War. It killed 190 of them by causing kidney damage. The new virus, though of a similar type, had different effects: its target was the lungs. At Guy's Hospital, London, meanwhile,

a medical student called Guy Thwaites was taking an interest in sweating sickness. "I read a small paragraph about it in a book and became fascinated," he

says. He consulted Dr Vanya Gant, senior lecturer in infectious diseases at the hospital. "I asked him to find out what the symptoms were and come back and tell

John Caius's 1552 dissertation on the sweating sickness

me," Dr Gant says. "When he did, I said That's a hantavirus'." With Dr Mark Taviner, an historian from St Andrews University, they decided to make a more detailed study to see whether Dr Gant's hunch could be proved. Dr Taviner says: "The most important thing was to trace narrative accounts of the clinical features. Some are in English, others are in Latin. We had to decide how to interpret them into the language of the modern clinician."

rom chronicles, Caius's study, and another contemporary ac-count by Thomas Forestier, they teased out the details. They concluded that the sweats was a rapid and usually fatal illness with a marked involvement of the lung. The fact that it occurred in summer, and was commoner in rural settings, implied that its reservoir as a mammal or a bird, from which infection spread to man.

Dr Gant says: "The likeliest animal is a rodent. In warm, wet summers, you can get an explosion of rats and mice. Their

population can rise ten or a hundredfold in a couple of weeks. All the known outbreaks of hantavirus have been rural." The team published its conclusion in the New England Journal of Medicine earlier

Dr Dyer, who was operating in ignorance of the Guy's team, had mean-while reached a different conclusion, just published in Medical History. He con-cluded that the likeliest cause was an arbovirus, a type of virus carried by an animal host but transmitted to human beings by the bite of a creature such as a tick. The rapidity of spread, he says, and the apparent movement of the epidemic from a focus, often in the counties, bordering Wales, also suggests direct person-to-person infection.

Dr. Gant remains uncon-vinced. "Arboviruses, cause a rash, and there was no tash in sweating sickness," he says. The combination of breathlessness, the lack of a rash, and the speed of the disease all point to a hantavirus. Dr Dyer's work in tracing the disease through the parish registers is marvellous, but there isn't anything in it that contradicts our conclusion."

In fact, there is evidence from a more recent outbreak of hantavirus disease in southern Argentina that person-toperson spread is possible A total of 18 people in the towns of El Bolson, Bariloche and Esquel were infected, and II, died. Studies show that in this?

outbreak, the disease was spread not only by rodent droppings. Doctors treating the patients also caught it, as did one person who travelled in the same car as a victim. Argentine officials took the car apart, looking for rodent nests, but found none. This epidemic patiern, it is tempting to suggest, fits both Dr Gant's and Dr Dyer's data extremely well. But the

chances are that we shall never be able to prove beyond a doubt that Tudor England was indeed the victim of a hantavirus. Dr Thwaites — now a junior doctor at Guy's — and Dr Taviner visited the graves of two eminent victims of the disease Henry Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, and his brother Charles, who are buried in the cemetery of St Mary's in Buckden, Cambridgeshire. Would it be possible to extract tissue from the bodies and search for the tell-tale hantaviral RNA? Alas, although DNA has been recovered from human tissue thousands of years old, viral RNA is unstable and it seems unlikely that it could have survived since Tudor times. As in all the best mysteries, a

final answer is likely to prove elusive.

Is the Earth being bombarded by snow?

The molasses grass that repels caterpillars

When time makes all the difference

FOR II years, Lou Frank, a physicist at the University of lowa has believed that the Earth is under barrage from snowballs the size of houses. which rain down on us at the rate of 20 a second. The idea has been considered slightly dotty. Others who looked at the same satellite images could not see the evidence that was plain to Dr Frank, or felt sure that the spots he saw as snowballs were merely blemishes in the image.

Snowballs in space

In the past few months various strands of evidence have turned the argument Dr Frank's way, although many astronomers remain troubled. First, at a conference in May, he produced sharper pictures taken by the Polar satellite, launched in February 1996. The resolution was so much

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better that few doubted that the spots were real; some were even caught in successive exposures as they moved across the field of view.

In addition, he presented data showing that the comets left small trails of oxygen behind them as they sped towards the Earth. Water shed by the comets more than 5.000km away is broken up by

Closer in, at altitudes of 2.000km to 3,000km, trails of hydroxyl - the other constituent of water - are visible. This is about the height at which Dr Frank believes the

sunlight, leaving oxygen at-

comets break up. so the trails fit his theory nicely. Last weekend. another piece of evidence was notched up by a German satellite launched by the space shuttle Discovery. Just hours after it had been released, the satellite detected levels of hydrox-

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BRIEFING Nigel yl ten times high-Hawkes er than predicted in the atmo-sphere 50 miles above the North Pole, Dr Robert Conway of the US

*One of the implications of the snowball theory is that you should see a lot more

sphere than you would ex-

So is Dr Frank home and dry? Not quite. If snowballs falling on Earth at this rate, how come they are not also falling on the Moon? If they were, they would stir up dust on the surface, and produce seismic shocks that could be detected. For the late Dr Eugene Shoemaker, tragically killed in a car accident in Australia, this was the

shawstopper. For Dr Brian Marsden of the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics Cambridge. Massachusetts. it is the absence of visible signs as the comets

plunge in. If there are that many impacts, some should be seen. The numbers just don't jive," Washington

Post. "We should be seeing these quite easily in some of the surveys. We see smaller things from time to time out as far as the Moon." There.

The blades of protection

grass that emits a scent repellent to butterflies and moths can provide an effective method for protecting nearby cereal crops, a team of sci entists from Britain and Kenya has shown. When the cereals were interplanted with mulasses grass (Melinis minutiflora) damage caused by caterpillars was considerably reduced.

Not only did the grass discourage the pests, but it also attracted a wasp that kills the caterpillars. In an unprotected crop of maize. Dr John Pickert, of the Institute of

Arable Crops Research at Rothamsted, and colleagues. report in Nature that 40 per cent of the plants were damaged. When interplanted with molasses grass, fewer than 5 per cent were damaged.

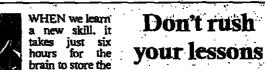
The active ingredient produced by the grass was dimethyl nonatriene, usually produced only when a plant is damaged by pests. Its purpose is to summon predators and parasites to attack the pests. Dr Pickett believes that in-

terplanting could provide real benefits for subsistence farmers in Africa. As well as protecting their main crop, the grass can be harvested as forage for cattle.

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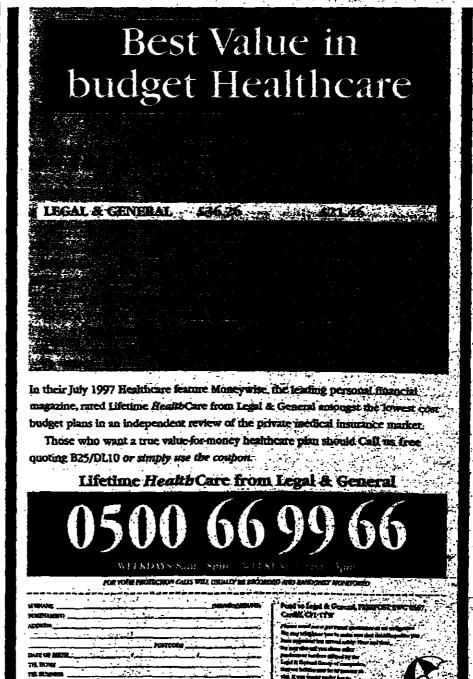


memory away. Dr Henry Holcomb, a psychia-trist from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, who did the research with Dr Reza Shadmehr, says: "We've shown that it is not enough simply to practise something - you have to allow time for the brain to

They used magnetic resonance imaging to record the areas of the brain that were used in first learning a task, and then performing it. They found that the process of learning involves the brain in . moving the skill from temporary storage in the front of the brain to a more permanent

was published in Science. What this means, Dr Holcomb says, is that people who are learning a skill should allow themselves breaks. "If you were performing a piano piece for the first time and then immediately started practising something else," hetold The New York Times, "that will cause problems in retention of the initial piece." Better to do something routine, or go to sleep.

area at the back. The study.





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Clive Stafford Smith and his girlfriend, Emily Bolton, who works at the Louisiana Crisis Assistance Centre, the charity he runs in New Orleans

The great defender

Clive Stafford Smith is to be found fretting over his-trial documents in a cheap motel in rural Louisiana. For 14 years he has criss-crossed America, enduring an endless round of courts, harsh judges and seedy motels, to say nothing of soul-destroying visits to the hundreds of clients he has represented on death row.

In that time the British lawyer - once described as a latter-day Galahad in search. of an improbable grail, the abolition of capital punish-ment in America — has become one of the most the death penalty.

But the constant opposition. the meagre salary and the weight of his responsibility finally appear to have taken their toll. The former public. schoolboy, who left his homeland more than 20 years ago. is talking for the first time about life back in the bosom of the Establishment he thought he had deserted.

He is planning to abandon the bleak compounds of Parchman and Angola, the notorious death row jails of Mississippi and Louisiana, for an altogether different constituency: Mr Stafford Smith wants to become an MP in Tony Blair's Labour Party. He has made inquiries and there has been some interest.

The process has been a gradual one but the final decision came on the night of Labour's victory as he watched the results on television at his half-renovated mansion in the dilapidated Lower Garden District of New Orleans.

The death row rescuer Clive Stafford Smith wants to come home - as an MP. Interview by Tom Rhodes

There was this sudden sense of change, that perhaps I could contribute in some way," he says. "It had been something I had considered for some time because I seriously believe I could bring something to British politics under a Labour Government." At first glance his liberal ideology hardly seems to match that of new Labour's Young Turks.

And he is, after all, something of a single-issue man, a goal with appa-

rently little vance to Britain, where the death penalty was abol-ished in the 1950s. Mr Stafford Smith disagrees. The death penalty is just a microcosm

of much bigger so-cietai problems," he says. I want people in Britain to: realise how lucky they are and to prevent the hysteria that has seized this country from catch-

ing on at home."

He had gone to America as an unusually idealistic product of the public school system. A captain of rugby at Radley and later head boy, he had turned down a place at Cambridge in favour of a scholarship to study journalism at the University of North Carolina.

Mr Stafford Smith has previously said he found his calling during a history lesson at the age of seven when he learnt about Joan of Arc's burning at the stake. The reality is a little different. He is loath to discuss what appears to have been a difficult divorce for his parents. Mr Stafford Smith was clearly looking for a way out when he first read of . the death penalty while still a teenager at Radley.

He says: "It gave me this sense of the overwhelming power of the State and of in what to me

The death

penalty is a

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seemed like a pagan ritual. I wanted to change that." During the university summers: he visited prisoners on death row in Georgia, becoming close to those who spent 23 hours a day in their cells. their lives merely a long prelude of last-minute ap-

peals. His mind made up, he gained a scholarship to study law at Columbia University in New York, later returning to the South to take his Bar exams in Louisiana. He started as a state defender on the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, where he stayed for ten years.

It was the early 1980s and there were perhaps 1,500 people on death row. Mr Stafford Smith soon achieved notoriety as a defender capa-

will leave the US in time to run for a second-term Blair government. He is talking about establishing a civil rights law office in London, a British Today, four years after Mr sister to the crisis assistance centre, which would operate in tandem with any political aspirations.

Meanwhile, he will continue to live in New Orleans with Emily. There is talk - after a failed first marriage and several disastrous relationships - of a future wedding. And the house in the Lower Garden District may be finished in time for the move, a symbolic ending to his mission

Warning: mountains go down as well as up

Joe Joseph spots a brochure that tells the awful truth

his is the time of year when many of us throw our swimming trunks and flip-flops into a suitcase, jump on a plane and take off to a remote Mediterranean hideaway often without giving a second thought to what our wives and children will think of our mysterious fortnight's disappearance.

But the holiday can turn sour if the resort fails to live up to the expectations raised by a tour company's brochure. So one travel firm is now promising to fly holidaymakers home and give them a full refund if, on reaching their hotel or resort, they feel it does not live up to the idyllic snapshots and descriptions in the brochure.

Other firms are bound to follow, but there could be a catch. There are only so many white-sand beaches and picturesque market squares in the world, which leaves brochure-compilers with two options if they want to avoid shelling out hundreds of refunds: they can restrict their holiday packages to those few paradisiacal spots that never fail to thrill, or they can offer the same range of destinations, but accompanied by photos and descriptions so honest that there will be no grounds for

redress. Copywriters have opted for the second approach in compiling forthcoming winter brochures. That is why the Swisserama Ski Company offers the following information for clients considering its winter packages: • Few holidays match skiing in the opportunities it provides for combining invigorating alpine scenery with a chance of sustaining a fatal physical injury.

ren alone with apples on their heads. ● Not all Swiss speak French. Many speak a strange-sounding language called Swiss-German, so do

• Do not leave your child-

not be perturbed if the locals sound as if they are swallowing small pieces of ironmongery when talking. Crime rates are low but

try not to look like a tourist. especially when handling money. Tourists often stand out in banks as they are the ones without handcuffs linking them to briefcases. On the bright side, bank queues are usually short. because there are plenty of banks. Switzerland may be the only country that has more banks than restaurants, probably because the national dish comprises cubes of stale bread dunked

under Cuisine). Cuisine another favourite dish is rosti, which, to the untrained eye, seems to be

in molten cheese (see also



made of fried potato peelings, whereas the trained eye can see it really is made of fried potato peelings.

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slopes and walk into a remote farmhouse to seek help, do not be surprised to see a dried boar's penis hanging from the ceiling. The Swiss regard it as a lucky charm against lightning. Not so lucky for the boar, of course, and not, so far, imitated by Smallbone in its "chalet kitchen" range. Mountains are steen and go down as well as up.

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people from execution. It is those he has lost, however, who prey most on his mind. Last month Joseph O'Dell was executed by lethal injection in Virginia.

There were also Edward Johnson, a poor black from rural Mississippi convicted of murdering the local white sheriff, and Nicky Ingram, a convicted murderer born in

ble of overturning sentences.

Stafford Smith moved to New

Orleans, the liberal appointees

of Jimmy Carter have been

replaced at the Supreme Court

by those of Ronald Reagan

and the number of prisoners

facing capital punishment has

more than doubled. Thirty-

nine states, including liberal New York, now have the death

A clutch of committed fellow

lawyers and numerous volun-

ton, his girlfriend, a former

Amnesty International em-

ployee - have since joined the

Louisiana Crisis Assistance

Centre, the charity he runs in New Orleans, its name, cho-

sen to avoid the death threats

and firebombs that are the

most evident disadvantages of

fighting capital punishment

among the rednecks of the

Deep South, belies a slick

operation which has earned

the respect of the legal commu-

Fortunately, the overheads are small. He pays himself

iust \$25,000 (less than £15,000)

a year - a month's earnings

for many of his contemporar-

ies from Columbia - but is

happy in the knowledge that

he has rescued more than 200

nity throughout America.

penalty.

r Stafford Smith represented Ingram for ten vears before his execution in Georgia's electric chair in 1993. He has since admitted that Ingram was probably guilty. But Ingram had become a close friend. The scorched and smoking flesh inside the chamber proved too reminiscent of Joan of Arc for

Mr Stafford Smith. He says: "The volunteers taunted Nicky by explaining in detail how the electrocution kills. There's something truly wrong about a country in which people volunteer for such a sadistic duty. It reminded me how much I hate America at times."

He is now concentrating his efforts on commuting the sentence of Krishna Maharaj, a British citizen convicted in Florida of killing two men. He still owes a moral debt to

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want to write about plugs. Plugs, plugging, the plugged and the differences between plugs. To date. I have not mentioned Start the Week nor The South Bank Show once in this column. This self-denying ordinance has now been waived by the executive to whom I refer on such

delicate matters. Why bother to court inevitable ripostes by responding to that current vice of fashion which uses the word "plug" to describe dozens of radio and television programmes? Because it is time to make a stand.

Why is a favourable review in a newspaper called a favourable review, while the same thing on radio or television is increasingly called a plug? Why in a newspaper is an amiable profile of a currently exhibiting, publishing, producing or performing artist called a profile while on radio and tele-vision it is called a plug?

A review or profile are things of a certain weight which can even aspire to distinction. A plug is a

One man's profile is another man's plug

common little arriviste. Perhaps, sadly, this is still at the heart of it. Our seemingly intransigent hierarchical system may have fled certain traditional territories, but it is alive and squeaking in the culture. There is litte doubt that print is thought top dog. Frankly I think so myself sometimes. But this does not mean that all other dogs are damned. And, in the matter of profiling, interviewing and even reviewing artists today, I think that radio and television make contributions often far be-

yond that of print. Yet there is something about snobbery that will not be eradicated. I expect it is too useful and even enjoyable a tool to let go of. Of course, for some poor folk it is the only way they can find themselves. There are those who seriously consider it a claim to superior intelligence that they "don't watch

television". One absurdity of that is the word "television", as if it were an undifferentiated monolithic block. Could anyone talk about "print" in a similar fashion and not be thought a fool?

Radio has gained respectability, partly because of the arrival of television. But there is still the basic suspicion that what is new is coarse and what is widely accessible is shallow. Take a television arts profile -

now routinely referred to as "a plug for ... It is true that TV producers tend to profile artists when a new work has been produced - exactly as newspapers and magazines do. There are commonsense and practical reasons for this. It is often true that, rather more than newspaper and magazine editors do, TV producers tend to devote time to artists they



simple. Television is expensive and slots are few and producers would rather spend time with William Golding, whose work matters to them, than with a hundred others whose work they could happily

in selectivity constitute a plug? Certainly it can be a celebration. But I maintain that it can be very much more, and very often is.

the two profiles we did with him on

The South Bank Show, he collaborated not only in memorable interviews, but in readings and in engaging programme-makers in their critique of his work. His work was also illustrated, again in collaboration with him, and I have no doubt that in the future those Golding films will be pulled from the shelf as long as there is an interest in the man - which is not perhaps a claim that can be made with as much certainty about newspaper and magazine profiles. incidentally, in the Golding films critics of substance gave their view of his work. We often include critics in the profiles we make and

mince. But does this admitted bias this is never mentioned by those who criticise the programmes themselves. Just as the wholly nonprofile programmes - for example four recent new films by under-25-Take Golding as an example, in year-olds — receive the barest ne two profiles we did with him on press of anything we do.

> ust as The South Bank Show is one of several TV programmes accused of plugging, so Start the Week is one of several radio programmes accused of the same. In the case of Start the Week the charge is even more puzzling, especially as it co-exists with the perception that I rip into the guests on that programme. rather too often.

Once again: like their colleagues and rivals in print, the Start the Week team tends to choose an author or a commentator when a book or an article has just come out. This gives us all the spin of

contemporancity. It is clearly the case on Start the Week that the authors are regularly challenged not only by myself or the second interviewer, but not infrequently by the guests as well. Of course there are exceptions.

and on some occasions one is simply keen to absorb as much as possible from a new book full of insights. And sometimes time is better deployed in exposition than in opposition. But there is no way a regular and fair listener to Start the Week could call out "plug". Sometimes I am extremely enthusiastic about the works-we discuss - just like any print journalist. Yes, the titles of books are mentioned, just as they are in print Apart from anything else, it saves money for those listeners who want to know what has been discussed and are irritated when forced to ring up or write in to ask

Does it instinct Not in the long run: the work will defend itself. The plug is reductive. The plug is a substitute for discrimination.

POP: V97 hits Chelmsford and Leeds; Matthew Sweet visits London; and the man behind the Waterboys is back

A rocking good tale of two cities

ing are the mother and father of British rock festivals, the "V" event has swiftly become the child prodigy. Mounted by the Virgin group, this two-day, twovenue summer gala won a European Festival of the Year award at the first time of

To wedge a foot so firmly in the stage door is no mean achievement, since observers have lately been queueing to condemn the perceived overcrowding of our live outdoor schedule. This summer's loser was Phoenix, which reportedly came a commercial cropper

Whereas that event has struggled to put a unique thumbprint on the festival season. V97 successfully built a unique "caravan" giving fans 150 miles apart the chance to share a 50-act bill of post-Britpop and dance fare. Thus on a roasting Saturday, campers and day pupils at Hylands Park in Chelmsford. Essex. and Temple Newsam, Leeds. marinaded themselves in beer and barbequed themselves in bonhomie. And yesterday, in a mirror image, the southern bill went north and vice versa.

Via the services of a Virgin helicopter, your reporter and photographer sampled two days in one on Saturday, flying between locations and finding a spirit of eerie concurChelmsford/Leeds

rence in parallel musical universes. As we left Chelmsford. pensing their good-humoured. summery pop on the main stage. Lifting away and heading north, the sell-out crowd -50,000 over the weekend soon looked like worker ants on their day off, the multicoloured tents adding humanity to an inevitable sea of Virgin logos.

Eighty minutes later we were looking down on a repeat image in Leeds, which was due to host a further, nearcapacity 40,000. As I wandered from main to second stage, I was confronted by "Dubhenge", a specially-constructed stock car-Stonehenge that presided over a strong set from Geneva, set apart by their delicate songcraft and the celestial vocals of Andrew

Montgomery.
In the main arena Placebo were at large. You would know that lanky guitar and the almost caricature whine of Brian Molko anywhere, and a double-feature of their hits Bruise Pristine and Teenage Angst was warmly welcomed. We landed back in Chelmsford to reports of a positively

beatific day of hot music and

"chilled" punters. Chilled in

spirit, certainly, but close to combustion in the dance tent. where the Chemical Brothers were weaving their sonic sorcery in an atmosphere of at least 110 degrees, a kind of hiphop Hades

On the NME Stage. Mansun rounded out a performance of trademark swag-ger with She Makes My Nose Bleed and Take It Easy Chicken, then Ash worked themselves back into contention after their recording interlude. delivering some robust new material and sending many back to their tents swaying happily to Girl From Mars and Oh Yeah.

The real homecoming was Blur's. After a busy few months on international duty. they staged a two-hour homecoming celebration, Damon Albarn clearly happy and confident in his own Essex backyard. Further emboldened by the addition of a horn section, their set managed to reflect their current tenure in garageland and to be a greatest hits celebration, on produc-tion pieces like To The End and The Universal and, naturally, their county anthem, Girls and Boys.

We only crashed back down to earth during a two-hour wait to get out of the car park. Helicopter, where were your speedy blades now?

PAUL SEXTON



Question of taste

WHAT looked on paper like a rich: 90-minute journey through the Renaissance and Baroque golden ages of English choral music turned out to be a bit dull in reality. There was nothing wrong with the performances by the BBC Singers and the Brandenburg Singers and the strandenburg Consort conducted by Stephen Cleobing, But there was noth-ing particularly gripping about them either, Being neat and stylish isn't enough. You need passion and vision as

These readings never strayed from a marrow band of olite moderation. Appearing n a lafe night Prom on a hot

BBC PROMS

Friday evening at the Albert. Hall they seemed all too likely to induce torpor in listeners everywhere. One longed for some wild tapse of taste.

Still, the music was undeniably magnificent: I have heard more imperious performances of Purcell's great coronation anthem, My heart is inditing, but at least this one clearly laid out the extraordinary boldness of the harmonies. with their archaic disso-nances And that penchant for spicy clashes was also the thread tying Purcell's music to that of his English predecesperformances of Sheppard, Byrd and Fayrfax

revealed here.

By the tane Handel wrote his Chandos anthem Let God arise, such invigorating har-motic kinks had largely been ironed out of English choral mosic But Handel did recapture the tradition's gusty vigour, and the curiously familiar shoots of "hallelujah" at the climax of the anthem showed how swiftly he transformed it into something unmistakably

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A ray of West Coast sunlight

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anthew Sweet's pros-pects of a commer-cial breakthrough seem to have been on a back burner for so long that his career might well have boiled dry, Paul Sexton writes. But. on a rare London visit to mark another well-kept secret of a new album, Blue Sky on Mars, the American was brimful of distinctively toothsome musical nourishment.

Sweet grew up in Georgia and trod the same boards as the fledgeling R.E.M. Now, though, he resides in Los Angeles, which seems the ap-propriate abode for his suntanned, melody-laden alternative pop. Like Teemage Fanclub in this country, his lot in life seems to be tolerating kneejerk comparisons with the Bearles, mixed, in his case. **Matthew Sweet** LA2, WC2

references to Chilton's Big Star. Still, if the bigger stage still seems somewhere in the middle distance for Sweet after II years of recording, Teenage Fanclub's belated achievement of a Top Three album in this country should give him hope.

Blue Sky on Mars sees Sweet continue to edge further away from the bubblegumchewy pop of Girlfriend, the 199! album that is his bestknown to date. In the LA2 on a night as hot as the inside of a sleeping bag in the Sahara. Sweet's raw-boned and raunchy side was showing all the more. In T-shirt and

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workshirt, sawing away at his guitar, he looked just like Neil Young's younger and happier

Come to California was the opening invitation, as it is on the current album. Sweet continues to represent an inviting chink of modern-day, West Coast sunlight for those who, like him. keep their Brian Wilson Fan Club badges well polished, and the post-grunge Per Sounds effect was in evidence on several other new songs. But he is his own man, capable of turning a melody. such as that of Back to You, so

someone, such as Wilson, did not get there first, 30 years

Glances over his shoulder included several nods towards 1993's Altered Beast album and if, after an hour, a slightly static feeling was growing, it was mainly because of the realisation that this is music for the great outdoors, not the sticky indoors.

One of his clear objectives was achieved, anyway: almost every Sweet in the bag was something you could take home humming.

Megaphone man

MIKE SCOTT, the passion and driving force behind the Waterboys, is back. Having been blamed for the birth of Raggle Taggle, a Celtic-Gypsy movement then denounced as a mad heretic for embracing spirituality during his retreat to the Findhorn Community in Scotland, Scott returned, rock guitar firmly in hand, with a four-day residen-cy at this small North London

A two-decade career, which included an Ivor Novello award for The Whole of the Moon, coupled with private self-discovery, is an inspiring combination. Gone is the quiet introspection of Bring em All In. his last solo album. In its place Scott coerced a sweltering crowd to dance into dehydration with grand metaphors embodied in distorted guitar from the new album Still Burning.

Before the show the softly spoken frontman enthused at the prospect of playing with a rock band for the first time in seven years. "It's fantastic. Here I am, back in the big city with the sound of traffic 24 hours a day ... I just had to

make my music louder so] could hear myself." The new show is an unre-

lenting workout for the man once described as making the definitive music for mountain-tops. With one of his famed growling breaths, Scott glided gracefully into the new single Love Anymay before punching the lights out of old favourites like Medicine Bow.

He held the stage with charm, and the whole feel of the set was like watching someone slip into a warm bath. Scott was poised and relaxed, with the added bonus of lan McNabb, the former icicle Works magician, on bass and backing vocals. Hav-ing promised to travel in the direction of Building The City Of Light, Scott dutifully delivered the track as an encore. leaving a bedraggled audience not sure if they wanted to

more. Welcome back. PAULA SHUTKEVER

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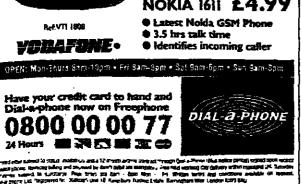
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Part of this renaissance is

undoubtedly due to Mark

Morris and the unique rela-

tionship Edinburgh enjoys

with the American choreogra-pher. But while Morris is the

focal point for festival dance,

he also seems to have inspired

the festival's predilection for

American dance in general.

Morris, Merce Cuming-

ham. Miami City Ballet and Lucinda Childs: all have been

at the festival in recent years.

The transatlantic theme con-

tinued last week with perfor-

mances by Twyla Tharp's new

troupe. And this week sees the

arrival of San Francisco Bal-

let, arguably the most impor-

tant ballet company in America outside New York.

oldest classical company in

America. Founded in 1933 as a

wing of the city's established

opera company, its earliest function (as with so many

European companies) was to

supply dancers for opera inter-

mezzi, but it was not long

before San Francisco's Opera

Ballet began to make an

independent name for itself

with a string of impressive

Under Willam Christian-

sen's artistic direction San

Francisco Ballet staged Ameri-

ca's first full-length produc-

tions of Coppélia, Swan Lake

and The Nutcracker. Christ-iansen was succeeded by, in

turn, his brothers Harold and

Lew, the latter eventually

sharing the helm with asso-

ciate director Michael Smuin.

Australian, Canadi-

medians in Edinburgh, two of

the most extraordinary shows

on the Fringe are very distinctively English. "I'm not a

comedian, I'm an entertain-

er," Johnny Vegas, Prince of

Potters, roars at a heckler.

Once "trapped in a state of

ceramic celibacy," the man

who admits "I live to play"

abandoned potting in the

Seventies to become a Butlins

crooner. Now he is making a

comeback, but this time the

an and American co-

San Francisco Ballet is the



Stepping out from the Bay

to the Firth

As the San Francisco Ballet arrives in Edinburgh.

Christopher Bowen reports on the American invasion

The company - and its associated school - continued to grow, but such growth was ever hampered by a lack of financial resources, and in 1974 San Francisco Ballet avoided bankruptcy only by a campaign. Management changes subsequently brought

> 6 It has to do with a certain energy level, an attack 9

financial stability, but when the current director, Helgi Tomasson, took over in 1985. San Francisco Ballet was in dire need of an artistic overhaul.

This Tomasson did by bolstering the company's Balanchine repertoire (a role he is well suited for, as one of New York City Ballet's most acclaimed former stars), staging new productions of the classics as well as Neo-Classical creations of his own, and transfusing fresh choreographic blood from the likes of William Forsythe, Mark Morris, James Kudelka and David

monster of a man, an endless

victim from a grotesque fam-

ily, who has been touched by

the spirits of Las Vegas. He

plays the audience like an old

pro, captivating them with his life story, before scream

ing: "You can't relate to me

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It is never outright attack.

Vegas's anger has no direc-

tion; he is like the kind of

here," says Tomasson, recalling his first impressions of the company. "And a supportive environment within the city itself. But more importantly, there was a willingness, a desire for change. They wanted me to elevate it."

So out went some of the old teaching methods, in came longer working days and mandatory daily classes in pointe shoes for the women. The company which captivated the crowds and critics on a visit to Paris in the summer of 1994 performed with all the clan belitting an ensemble of international standing.

This impression was rein-forced the following year when San Francisco hosted United We Dance, a festival to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter. Sharing the huge War Memorial Opera House stage with representatives of some of the greatest ballet companies in the world, San Francisco Ballet distin-guished itself with dancing that sparkled with exuberance

Tomasson believes that an American style remains at the heart of his company's considerable appeal. It has to do with a certain energy level, an attack," he says. "And there is a freedom in the dancing. I insist on very high technical standards, but I think technique is something you use to achieve what you want, rather than it being just the tradition of the company or school. I think that is where the American 'look' comes from. It's not just a matter of being young

One of the supreme artists of his generation. Tomasson was born in Reykjavik. Iceland, in 1942 and studied in Copenhagen and New York. After touring with America's Joffrey and Harkness Ballets, he joined New York City Ballet

moon. And his flirtation with

the audience is outrageous.

"Your eyes are sending a fax

to my testicles, he shameless-

Towards the end of the

show he persuades three

women from the audience to

dance for him on the stage

while he sets up his potting

wheel, and then dresses in his

ly tells one woman.

and enthusiastic."



Edinburgh-bound: Joanna Berman and Yuri Possokhov in Helgi Tomasson's Criss-Cross

dazzo have departed. Edin-

burgh audiences may well get

to see some of San Francisco's

rigid set and limited capacity for dealing with hecklers.

Murray is an artist of the

rapid response; his creation

has grown with him and now

truly deserves his title as King

He is a landlord of the old

school and is Murray's vehi-

cle for some viciously sharp

observation about great Brit-

ish bigotry. Men drink lager

of Beers.

years, Jerome Robbins and George Balanchine created numerous roles for him, utilising his flair for difficult phrasing, informed virtuosity and purity of style.

These are the qualities that Tomasson - aided by his wife Marlene - look out for as the new generation of San Franciscs Ballet stars emerges.

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and exciting, Al Murray's

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rather beautiful.

Classical work, there should recently promoted young soloists and principals in featured be plenty to spread around. roles. With a repertoire includ-ing Balanchine's Symphony in • San Francisco Ballet is at the Edinburgh Playhouse from tomor-row until Sunday, sponsored by Dunfermline Building Society C and Stravinsky Violin Concerto. David Bintley's Aids-A stand-up with feats of clay

"I'm all for equality, that's why I want my temate s work extra hours so that they can work as much as men.

he explained.

premiere), Mark Morris's Drink To Me Only With

Thine Eyes and several exam-

ples of Tomasson's own Neo-

This is a fascinating and highly intelligent show, not least because the audience, despite loving Murray to the point of obsession, are never quite sure of what to make of him. The beer boys cheer him on and burp in appreciation. but there is always the uneasy knowledge that they are actually the ones who are being laughed at.

HETTIE JUDAH

Nature on the move

COLLABORATION and cross-fertilisation seem to be de rigueur at this year's Edinburgh Festival, a risky business which could fall flat on its back in an instant. Nowhere is this more evident than in this visually stunning, precise but rhythmically souless mix'n'match between the environmental sculptor Andy Goldsworthy and the French choreographer Régine Chopinot's Ballet Atlantique.

Végétal (sponsored by Marks & Spencer) begins in the dark, as shapes around a sacred stone camp fire move in unison, metamorphosing until we are aware it is a trio of dancers linking into the light. burrowing their way to the surface. Soon the ever-swelling troupe is a well-oiled machine, making brisk, reperitive movements across Mother Nature's playground as stones are laid one on top of the other. Meanwhile, a lone dancer painstakingly circum

DANCE Végétal Playhouse

navigates the stage. Accompa nying this are assorted amplified squeaks, rumbles and creaks grandly named a Universe of Sound, but sounding like the soundtrack to an early David Lynch film.

Suddenly the rocks are unceremoniously booted over, a simple act made shocking by hidebound notions of art as gallery-bound. untouchable and forever. Goldsworthy has consistently been the antithesis of this, but the regimental formality of the dance seems in direct contradiction to this organic approach.

Later the dancers build an elaborate nest or hive-like construction out of branches. adding leaves and soil to roll around in. As the dancers are collectively clad in blue jumpsuits, the effect is that of construction workers on site. Only the hard hats and builders' cleft are missing. Having said that, the construction kit precision is the most fascinating element on show, for, full of incidents and colours as it is, the dancing is reduced to decorative status, and there is simply too much "shake up

your body, let's be a tree" type of flailing about, looking for all the world like a wet Monday morning improvisa-It is all very pretty and pure. but Chopinot makes her point

quickly, and rather than move on wallows in her own cleverness, provoking as much wriggling in the aisles as was probably going on on stage. There was also laughter, walkouts and even a heckle or two. which was a shame because the company were giving their all, as they moved from primates to kids foraging about in the dirt to see what kind of mess they can make, which was progress of sorts.

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Why the RA should hang Myra

Isabel Carlisle on a portrait

with the power to shock

or the first time in its dealer, Jay Jopling, seen the history the Royal Academy has been manoeum dirror the following day, Ann emy has been manoeuvred into passing moral judgment on a work of art and possibly even censoring it before it is shown. The controversy is over a

portrait of Myra Hindley in the exhibition Sensation, a selection of works from the Charles Saatchi collection, which opens on September 18. It is a provocative title that flaunts the fact that much of the art is deliberately shocking. Young British art (as collected by Saatchi), like young British culture, is unrepentantly in-your-face, fascinated with materials and visual double meanings.

In creating Myra, Marcus Harvey used the cast of a child's hand to print paint onto an 11ft by 9ft canvas. The painting replicates the police photograph taken in 1966, as if blown up so that its pixels are made visible, and alludes to the children murdered by

Hindley and Ian Brady. Resolute in the anticipation of protests from animal rights activists about the use of dead animals in Damien Hirst's work, and from campaigners against child pornography incensed at the perverted child

mannequins of the Chapman brothers. the RA is wobbling after publicity gen-erated in the press by the children's charity Kidscape, Hindley herself. the murdered child-

and Lesiey Ann Downey. An extraordinary meeting of the RA's Council has been called this week to vote on whether to withdraw the painting on the ground that to show it would cause unnecessary suffering for the victims' relatives.

It would be a disaster for the Academy's credibility if it was forced down the slippery slope of art censorship, but that is not the only issue. Art is one with political and moral questions. Removing one work does not resolve the problem that the artist has focused on, or lessen the possible anguish of those directly involved. When the council votes, members should be clear that this exhibition, and Myra in particular, have become lightning conductors for storms that have been rumbling for some time. The Academy has been caught between the Scylla of young British art and the Charybdis of publicity-seeking individuals.

The first article dealing with the Myra painting appeared in the Evening Standard on July 25. It led with the news that: "An anti-child abuse charity has urged the public to boycott the RA over plans to exhibit a portrait of Moors child killer Myra Hindley." The director of Kidscape. Michele Elliot, was reported as saying: "How sad that an artist has to resort to sick exploitation of dead children to get noticed. I wouldn't go near this exhibition and I would advise everyone else to boycott it."

This was good publicity for Kidscape but the possibility that the painting was keeping the memory of the five murdered children alive in the public imagination in a way that would arouse compassion was not considered. Nor. in the media debate that ensued. had anybody except the artist's

West, mother of the murdered Lesley Ann Downey, said: "They are making a film star out of a murderer." And in the Daily Mail Winnie Johnson. mother of Keith Bennett, was reported to have asked the RA to withdraw Myra. She expressed her anguish at having old wounds reopened and threatened to sue if the portrait went on show. Astonishingly,

Hindley backed them up. Hindley has been working with her lawyers on an appeal for early release since May. when a High Court ruling challenged the decision of the former Home Secretary Michael Howard that her life sentence should indeed be for life. In a letter to The Guardian on July 31 she urged the RA to withdraw her portrait on the grounds of "the emotional pain and trauma that would inevitably be experi-enced by the families of the Moors victims". Or is it that the wave of revulsion that inevitably accompanies any parading of her case in the

public eye might jeopardise her appeal? Her alignment with the victims' families is suspect if not hypocritical. Winnie Johnson said as much to the Oldham Evening Every story

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Chronicle and retaliated by threatening to launch a private prosecution for her son's lt is significant

that every story on

Myra in the national press was illustrated by a photo of the Harvey portrait (regard-less of whether that would cause distress to the victims' families or not). The photo that Myra is based on is the one that news editors turn to every time Hindley's case resurfaces. As Marcus Harvey has said: "The image has a kind of hideous attraction." In that demonising photo Hindley with film stars, and in its translation into paint Harvey is doing for Hindley what Andy Warhol did for Marilyn Monroe. But two points to remember are that the photographs had already reached iconic status when the artist turned to them, and the artists never told us how to look at the

t is always dangerous to judge a work of art on the basis of a newspaper photograph. If the debate around Myra is to have any validity it should be put on public display, because if there are any moral judgments to be passed. it is up to us to do so. We don't need the RA to act as nanny. Motivated by the search for a new means of expression, and keenly aware of the marketing value of being controversial, young British artists will conrinue to push back the boundaries of what is acceptable. There will be more art that is equally hard to stomach but, unlike the Nazis, who banned their avant-garde art for being degenerate, we should be robust enough to deal with it.

Banning Myra would set a dangerous precedent. The right action for the Academy now is to repeat to the victims' families its shared abhorrence at the appalling crime that Hindley committed and its profound sympathy, but to go ahead and hang Myra.

A hitherto undiscovered dialogue of Plato, Soki and Taki, found recently in the Vatican library

Nothing Taki,

Socrates: Yesterday, Taki, we talked about the gods, and Hermes said that today we ought to talk about heroes

Taki: It was even so, Socrates. Socrates: You have recently lost a friend who admired the virtues of the heroes of the golden age. He himself resembled many of our old Greek heroes, and was a powerful enemy but a loyal friend, is it not so? Taki: It was so, and I loved him for

Socrates: He prevailed in his own battles and showed great courage. When he retired, he went to his country estates; he had many wives and many children who mourn his

Even when he had retired, he remained active in the life of his two countries, one his father's and the other his mother's. As our ancestors would have judged it, this was indeed

Taki: It was so, and he is so remembered by his friends.

Socrates: Yet could it not be thought that this was a life in which little was learnt that was not known already to the Greek heroes of old, to Ajax or Achilles, who lived 3,000 years before your friend was born?

Taki: Courage and loyalty are always virtues appropriate to a hero. Socrates: Yet you have other friends, of whom you often write, who are not heroes, who lack the magnificent aspirations of the friend you have lost, but belong to the same

Taki: I have many friends, some of whom are people of virtue and others who have less virtue. The one of whom you speak had the virtues Socrates: Today we must speak not

only of heroes and men, but of happiness. Are men happy in proportion to their virtue? Taki: In this world, Socrates,

to the strong belong the spoils. But I loved him for his virtues and would have done so even if his courage had led to his ruin, as it might have done. Socrates: Virtue is therefore good

proportion to their virtues?

They are no wiser today.

Taki: In this world, Socrates, I

Socrates: So virtue gives no assur-

Taki: We are both Greeks, Socra-

ance either of happiness or of success.

tes. You were the Greek of the highest

virtue in your times, and the people of

Athens condemned you to death.

happiness or success. Yet you cele-

brate the virtues of your friend. Why

Taki: For him, his virtues helped

him to succeed. The modern world is

in this way much like the old world -

Socrates: So virtue does not lead to

have observed that they are not.

good in itself, honesty is good in itself. Is that not so? Taki: I cannot disagree with what Socrates: Yet you choose to lead a

in itself. Courage is good in itself, loyalty is good in itself, compassion is

life among people who lack these virtues. When you write of the city you call "the Big Apple", it seems to have many people who are indeed rich, but who lack the heroic virtues you admire, and the Christian virtues of humility and compassion as well. There were many such people

I have observed that they are not.

Socrates: Are men successful in Taki: As I said, Socrates, Athens

it's just Platonic

has not changed in that respect. Socrates: We were speaking yesterday of another of your rich friends, Dodi. He does not, I think, possess the virtues of the old heroes of the

Taki: Nor indeed does he possess the wisdom of the hero of the

Odyssey.
Socrates: Yet by the standards which you seem to accept he leads a most successful life. He comes of a

William Rees-Mogg

family of great wealth; his father owns a shop where beautiful women of all ages buy expensive merchan-dise. He has himself slept with many beautiful young women; he has given them lustrous jewels from his father's shop, and taken them on his family yacht, which would in my time have been the envy of the port of Athens, and would have required 60 slaves to

Taki: He has done all these things. Socrates: He has then all those benefits which people of your society aspire to - riches, beautiful women,

chariots of luxury on land, sea and air. Is it not so? Taki: These are indeed the objects

which many of my friends cover.
Socrates: Would you not therefore say that Dodi is successful, that his life is a model for youger men to emulate? He must, I suppose, be a very happy man, since he has everything which others of his contemporaries are striving to win for

Taki: Few people would call him successful, if only because it is his father who has made the fortune. Even I feel more successful by writing, which is my own achieve-ment, than from my fortune, which was my father's, grateful as I am to my father for it.

Socrates: You too have slept with many beautiful women, perhaps with more than Dodi as you are older than he is. Do you think this has made him happy? Taki: I think it probably made him-

happy when he was doing it, but post coltum omne animal triste, there is a sadness which follows making love. Socrates: Is not the sadness deeper than that? Is he not an example, are you not an example, was not your lost friend himself an example, of seeking happiness where it cannot be found? Is it not the truth that men do not find happiness in wealth, or luxury, or beautiful women, or fine houses, or shiring chariots, or yachts, if they do not develop happiness in themselves?

You yourself have drunk much: you often write of it do men find happiness in gold any more than you could find it in a bottle?

Taki: The life of pleasure, lived with courage and loyalty to friends, is not a dishonourable life, oh Socrates.

Socrates: I was not speaking of dishonour, Taki, but of illusion. Do not the goods that be bought in a shop, even in Dodi's father's shop, bring little comfort to those whose lives are unhappy? Can a young woman who has lost her lover be made happy by a jewelled ring? Will she not continue to bewail her lot?

Taki: Some young women would rather have a jewel than any lover. but it is true, Socrates, that there is much suffering in a life of pleasure, diligently pursued. That is why the life of pleasure is only a proper undertaking for men of courage. It is no career for weaklings.

Socrates: Does a wise person, man or woman, seek happiness where it cannot be found?

Taki: No Socrates, a wise person does not. But where is a wise person to be found and where is happiness to

Socrates: We shall talk about that, Taki, tomorrow. If we have estab-lished where happiness is not to be found, we may yet hope to tell where it may be discovered. It seems, from what we have said, that there is little happiness in the fashionable life of wealth and pleasure, and perhaps

much pain.

Happiness is not to be found in a bank account, or in a succession of love affairs, or even in the best wines. nor can it be bought in a shop. For those who seek it in these places, we should feel pity rather than anger. Perhaps, as the sages have said, happiness comes only from the gods or from service to others. But we shall speak more of that anon.

Now that the party's over

Labour appears to be gearing up

for its first

purge, says **Michael Gove**

ritain's A-level students aren't the only bright young things whose future has been decided this summer. New Labour ministers may deserve a break after their energetic start but the shadow of the axe and the these holidays anything but relaxing for some. While Mr Blair enjoys the Mediterranean sun, others sweat for different reasons. Already reshuffle rumours have replaced the Thai baht as the speculators favourite currency.

It may seem bizarre that a reshuffle should be contemplated so soon. when the celebrations for the first 100 days are only just leading to hangover, but this is an impatient administration. In the past few weeks the names of those travelling headlong to the knacker's yard have been whispered in Westminster's not-quite deserted corridors.

The three Cabinet ministers whose jackets appear to be on the shoogliest of nails are the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, David Clark, the Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, and the Minister for Transport, Gavin Strang. They are, however, linked by more than an emerging consensus that they lack grip. All three have fallen foul of Whitehall's unlikeliest axis, the alliance which now exists between the Deputy Prime Minister. John Prescott, and the Prime Minis-

ter's deputy, Peter Mandelson, The Prescott-Mandelson pact may seem as unlikely a coupling between gloss and beefcake as Diana and Dodi, but it was carefully nurtured in Opposition and has flourished in power. Sensing that Mr Prescott's Jimmy Nail earthiness was the perfect counterpoint to the cosmopolitan sheen of the Labour leadership. he encouraged the adoption of a higher profile for the deputy leader. Mr Mandelson's marketing insight was reinforced by a deeper bond with



Mr Prescott: both resent the power wielded by the man who is genuinely Gore to Blair's Clinton - Gordon

In office, Messrs Mandelson and Prescott have developed a fruitful partnership, most notably in their shared enthusiasm for the Millennium Dome, a project Mr Brown was determined to kill. Now, like Octavian and Anthony in Julius Caesar, they are believed to be pricking the names of those to be purged.

Top of the list is Gavin Strang, awkward at the dispatch box and overwhelmed in the department, he has enraged Prescott with his maladroit handling of the roads pro-gramme. David Clark and Chris Smith are in Mandelson's line of fire. While Mr Clark is the Cabinet Minister in the Cabinet Office and thus Mr Mandelson's nominal master, he is a Habsburg puppet to his subordinate's Metternich. Mr Clark's mishandling of the proposed Freedom of Information legislation has provided the excuse for his

ejection, and - if that is the post he covets - for Mr Mandelson's elevation. The other Cabinet post which might, however, attract the Minister in want of a bigger Portfolio is Culture. In assuming responsibility for the Millennium Experience, Mr Mandelson has already taken over the Culture Department's most

prominent responsibility. So why not take over the department? Mr Mandelson isn't the only Minister of State who should shortly be sitting at the Cabinet table. The Schools Minister, Stephen Byers, though resented by some colleagues for his capacity to grab headlines, is a sure bet. Articulate, focused, unstuffy and intelligent, he should be joined by the slightly lower-profile but equally able Alan Milburn, the Health Minister. Both are also, in a

Government determined to show a youthful face, reassuringly under 50. Alan Milburn's departmental colleague Tessa Jowell is also tipped to join them, but she may be pipped by the Economic Secretary to the Trea-

Helen Liddell. Even if Mrs sury, Helen Liddell, Even if Mrs Liddell doesn't change, the Treasury team will. The Financial Secretary, Dawn Primarolo, can expect her diary to look clearer this autumn.

lthough the speculation is manifing, no one expects. any reshuffle to take place much before November.

Even erring ministers will be allowed to enjoy the sauna of adulation at this October's party conference. The conference will, however, be a test for the man who is expected to profit most from any subsequent shuffle — the ubiquitous Mr Mandelson.

Conscious of the extent to which he owes his position to Mr Blair's patronage, Mr Mandelson is attempting to secure democratic legitimacy before he makes it to the Cabinet. He is hoping to secure election to Labour's National Executive Committee at the Brighton. conference. Although he is caricatured as a courtier rather than appreciated as a modern politician.

leagues, and the media, before by putting himself out on an electoral of power. He abandoned his position by Neil Kinnock's side, as Labour's head of campaigns and communications, in the run-up to the 1992 general election to find a seat. At the time, his decision to leave the security of the leader's cadre for life as another backbencher surprised some but, notwithstanding his internal exile under John Smith, Mr Mandelson's manoeuvre paid off.

Mr Mandelson has surprised col-

Now, it is assumed, he is taking a far greater risk. Demonised by the media, disliked by partiamentary colleagues and dibbed a "vote-loser" by Tory focus groups — they should know — he seems destined to fail in his search for a seat on the NEC when he could continue to enjoy a favoured place next to the throne. Why risk failure when all else is set Mr Mandelson, however, will not

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fail. New Labour does not pick battles it cannot win. He has working for him the most effective electoral machine within the party. In the past, internal Labour Party elections were won by vote-gathering caucuses of the Left, whether Hard like the Bennite Rank and File Mobilising Committee, or Soft like the Labour Co-ordinating Committee. Now, they are, like the causes to which they rallied, in Marx's dustbin of history. The Campaign Group still scores some successes in the party's elec-tions, as the survival of Diane Abbott attests, but the only machine still worthy of the name is on the party's modernising Right. The votes in the battle to reform Clause Four were delivered by an autonomous group of young activists, operating with Mr Blair's blessing from rooms in South London, and their work has been carried on by the "political education . trust", Progress.

It is run by Mr Mandelson's former aide, Derek Draper, now completing an authoritative account of Mr Blair's first 100 days. Progress and those around it run a network of leadership-loyal activists and weekend training schools addressed by former union fixers such as the Armed Forces Minister John Spellar. who are past masters at making sure democracy delivers. In new Labour it won't only be Cabinet reshuffles which allow the leader to put his people into power.

Going solo

thought they had the devolution debate all to themselves, the tiny self-styled principality of Monmouthshire has come muscling onto the scene. In a campaign led

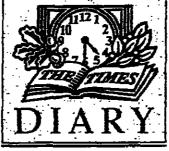


would happen

er Greg Lance-Watkins, supporters of an Independent Queendom of Monmouth are urging the rein-statement of Monmouthshire's ancient status as a buffer state between England and Wales.

"We want a Queendom because we have no King at present." explains Lance-Watkins without a hint of sarcasm. "If devolution is good enough for Wales and Scotland, then it's time Monmouthshire also stood up and reclaimed its rightful place in the United Kingdom." The substance of Lance-Watkins's argument rests on an ancient and, he says, as yet unchallenged law which establishes Monmouthshire (population 85.000) as a free and separate state within the UK.

That law has never been overturned." says Lance-Watkins.
"We're still technically at war with the Germans, because while the declaration of war was made on behalf of England, Scotland, Wales and Monmouthshire, the peace



treaty failed to include us. We give our allegiance to the Queen rather

Inspired by the new spirit of devolution, Lance-Watkins has even drafted a manifesto in which he outlines proposals for what he calls "England's very own Monaco". He calls for Nato member status, inclusion of Monmouthshire in the EU and even a separate

Last orders

A CURIOUS row has erupted between Viscount Brookeborough. descendant of the Sergison family. who once owned a large estate in

Sussex, and the brewers Bass Taverns. The altercation comes after news that the brewers are planning to change the name of a Haywards Heath pub which bears Brookeborough's family name, the Sergison Arms, and rename it The Dolphin. Brewers are too prone to changing pub names for no good reason," says the peer. Bass maintains that in the 1880s

the pub was called The Dolphin. We are turning the clock back, not forward," said a spokesman.

 Shirley Eaton, the Bond girl who wowed us with her gold-painted body in the film Goldfinger. is on the lookout for a publisher. Having returned from the South of France two years ago after the death of her husband, Eaton has penned a collection of poems: They're about the sea, my love for my husband, my children," said the former actress. "Some of them are rather spiritual."

Duty calls THAMES VALLEY Police are

seeking help and counselling after



legal firm explaining proposed changes in arrangements for duty solicitors on call. The letter stated quite clearly: "We would inform you that Miss D has exchanged her duty which is on July I (already swopped with Mr G) with Mr M. who will be taking that date, while Miss D will be doing the court duty on July 14 for Mr M (who had already swopped with Mr N). We trust this will not cause any confesion." A police spokesman said: "Of the district country uncome expenses and being no longest the course we are not confused. We are Sir Alan either, and being no longest the course we are not confused. We are playing a role in the drama. receiving a letter from a Reading totally gobsmacked. Do you know playing a role in the drama.

the number of the Plain English Campaign?"

Sparks fly

AMATEUR dramatics societies' favourite playwright. Sir Alan Ayckbourn, has become embroiled in a village drama of his own. Set in Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, the plot involves 800 villagers, the council and Sir Alan being upstaged by a local electrician.

Ayckhourn, hoping for a repeat of his 1996 triumph when he transformed an Odeon cinema into a 65.2 million theatre in Scarborough after a battle with the council over funding, had lent his support to a campaign to stop the conversion of the village's Rosebill Theatre into houses. Ayekbourn had written to Hambleton council urging it to vote for its preservation saying it was "a valuable and proven asset in the village's social life". But his mission was thwarted by electrical contractor Chris Scaff, who distince problem was one of judinissed the village's theatrical threats. We had a job ge dreams as pure landary. Sadly, judge who was not a member the district council did not applicable. National Trust.



Thwarted: Alan Ayckbourn

◆ As the smoke clears from the batilefields of Loe Bar, Cornwall, after last week's scuffles between members of a German religious cult who broaded the beach to worship there, and the National Trust. local residents were left wondering fust why the eviction look so long. One Trust official admitted that the problem was one of judicial in-terests. We had a job getting a judge who was not a member of the

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LIGHT IN DARK PLACES

The high cost of corruption is finally being acknowledged

Three remarkable calls to action by India's leaders and one cautiously worded but equally revolutionary document issued this month by the International Monetary Fund could be August swallows announcing a fairer future summer for millions. Their common theme is corruption, an evil which, like extreme poverty, has been with us since the dawn of organised society. Like poverty, corruption has been too easily accepted particularly by those who do not themselves have to endure it - as unavoidable in any but the best-run and well-established democracies. That could now be changing and changing, most hearteningly, not just in the West but in lands in which it is endemic

In Delhi, Inder Kumar Gujral, India's new "Untouchable" Prime Minister, has marked the 50th anniversary of independence with an impassioned call, endorsed by India's President, for nothing less than a mass campaign of civil disobedience in the style of Mahatma Gandhi, to confront the corruption "eating into the country's vitals like termites". He has appealed to business to report corrupt politicians and officials to a new unit in the Prime Minister's office. But his target is not only such notorious corruption cases as the £175 million indicament against a former leader * 🛊 of his own Janata Dal Party or the scandal surrounding the former Prime Minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao, but the quotidian petry bribery which Indians have come to treat as normal. Givers, he says, share the blame with takers; every Indian should "resolve today that we will not give a single penny as a bribe to get our work done at any level".

Behind this appeal, which if heeded would change India as much as it would enrich it. lies a sharpening recognition that corruption and poverty go together. It is a form of semi-organised crime, which in countries such as Mexico has been estimated to cost society the equivalent of an extra 20 per cent on marginal tax rates. The poorest pay most - in less education, poorer health and diminished economic opportunity. And the poor have coined a whole language to describe it.

In Mobutu's Zaire, official looting was known as "affirmative shopping"; across the world in Indonesia, low-grade (and lowpaid) officials calmly refer to bribery as message, the poor may get a better deal.

"informal redistribution". In Kenya, where politicians are dubbed wabenzis after their Mercedes-Benzes, "he was a minister" is thought sufficient explanation for someone's conspicuous wealth. And it is Kenya, where the IMF has suspended lending in protest at the collapse of a notorious fraud case, that is an early test of the IMF's new guidelines instructing its staff not only to push market reforms that limit the scope for corruption, but to raise "individual instances of corruption" with recalcitrant governments.

The IMP's tougher stance is backed by its Executive Board: the question is whether Western governments will throw their full weight behind it. In recent history, whether out of cynicism, misplaced post-colonial guilt or Cold War calculation, they have given a scandalously free run, not to mention the free lunch of under-monitored aid, to politicians in poor countries who were known to regard the national treasury as their personal property. In so doing, the West has connived at the impoverishment of these countries' citizens. Only in this decade has the taboo begun to ease.

The response has often been an indignant lecture about arrogant Western prying into matters that were none of its business. The West is in fact ill-placed to preach, and not only because it has corruption scandals of its own. Leaving aside the misuse of aid for Malaysia's Pergau dam and other Westernbuilt white elephants, most Western governments have been been culpably lax about curbing the widespread practice of bribery by powerful international corporations. In some Western countries they can even write off these "business expenses" against tax.

What has hardened the IMF's resolve to enter the grey area between economics and politics is the impossibility of turning economies round in a corrupt environment. In countries that rely more on foreign investment than on aid, the IMFs move dovetails with the dawning recognition by politicians that if governments do not act, markets will. Concern about malpractice and slack regulation in South-East Asia's financial sectors helped to trigger the continuing run on its currencies. The cost of corruption is mounting. As the rich get that

SEPARATE HOUSES

British sport is not best served by a single national academy

Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, winner, male or female, from that country Media and Sport, will soon take a decision since 1980. involving £100 million of public money. The question he faces is whether to spend lottery cash on a national academy for sport, and if so, where to site the academy and which sports it should cover. Most people agree on the need for measures to reverse the decline in Britain's sporting prowess; more contentious are the measures themselves.

The genesis of the academy lay with the last Conservative Government. Impressed by Australia's Institute of Sport, set up in the 1970s to address the country's poor performance in the international arena, the then Sports Minister, Iain Sproat, suggested a. similar institution here. The idea was strongly backed by John Major.

Specialist sports bodies, however, were less enthusiastic about so much money being spent on just one centre, in which rowers were supposed to mingle with rhythmic gymnasts, shot putters with spin bowlers. In their submissions to the National Heritage Department a year ago, national governing bodies were tepid verging on cool about the proposal. Almost all preferred to concentrate on centres of

excellence specific to their sport. Moreover, closer examination of Australia's record reveals that its national institute lia's record reveals that its national institute has been less than successful in its stated aim. In tennis, for instance, a sport which Australians used to dominate, there has Australians used to dominate, there has been only one grand slam event singles

The commercial, non-Olympic sports such as cricket and rugby can raise their own money to boost their game. And footballhas so highly developed a network of club apprenticeships that it is closing the National School at Lilleshall. The competitive pressures on Premier League clubs are such that it pays huge dividends for them to spot and train talent young rather than find millions of pounds to buy established stars.

More deserving of public assistance are amateur sports such as athletics, gymnastics, swimming and water sports, where television does not bring in enormous income and where Olympic style facilities for training are rare. But these sports would do better to be given money for regional centres of excellence, closer to athletes' homes, and even for one national centre specific to each discipline.

It is easy to see why Mr Major latched on to the idea of bringing all sporting talent under one roof; on first thought it sounds attractive. But second thoughts make better policy. If Mr Smith is to build a national headquarters, it should concentrate on cross-disciplinary subjects such as sports science, medicine, fitness techniques and technology. For the rest, he should give British sport what it wants and needs: a network of specialist satellite centres, where swimmers can train with swimmers and sprinters with sprinters.

ALL IN THE MIND

Mental games make the most humane of sporting contests

This week London provides an arena for formidable mental combat. The Mind Sports Olympiad, open to anyone, begins at the Royal Festival Hall. Contestants are arriving from all over the world to pit their cerebral skills against each other. Those unable to attend in person can log on to the Internet site and vie in a virtual game.

Modern interest in sport and physical fitness borders on the obsessional. We worship at the temple of the body. But the exercise of the mind is as essential to our wellcel inmon being as our morning score of sit-ups. Honing logic, increasing mental agility and expanding memory, it heightens adaptability and staves off premature senility. The ancient world knew this well. It was for mens sana in corpore sano that Juvenal prayed

Many of the games featured in the Olympiad are of antique provenance. It has often been postulated that a precursor to draughts existed in Egypt as long ago as 1600 BC, while the Chinese, it is believed, were playing a version of chess - xiangqi as long ago as 400 BC. These ancient games now take their place in the Olympiad alongside such innovations as Abalone, a test of strategy played with marbles on a hexagonal board, and Magic: The Gathering, a trading-card game invented in 1993. Ancient or modern, imaginative or logical, they share one element: the power to expand and sharpen the mind.

. In themselves these games may seem futile. Years of intensive training are sometimes required and the skills attained may not have direct practical use. But Plato believed that such games formed a vital part of a leader's education, while such thinkers as Marcel Duchamp, Hermann Hesse and Ludwig Wittgenstein elevated them to an almost mystical significance.

Nowadays companies are increasingly aware of the importance of their intellectual assets which - though they may not register on the balance sheet - enhance competitiveness. The ancient Chinese game of Go, in which the winner is the one whose counters control most territory on a grid, is said to be analogous to business management. Mercharit banks are quick to employ chess masters, while contestants who compete to compile computer programmes against the clock have obvious commercial relevance.

Britain sets an important precedent in staging this first Mind Sports Olympiad. The nation is improving its performance in these contests of the mind. Earlier this year the English team won the European chess championship. Perhaps next year we should move the counters one square further, competing to invent a new game - one which, like the glass bead game which Hesse dreamt off, would employ the widest range of mental faculties, melding the skills of art and science. But for now, let play commence.

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a Bill of Rights

From the Provost of The Queen's College, Oxford

Sir. It will be a bad day for rights and liberties if the Government is allowed to get away with introducing a Bill of Rights based on the New Zealand model — the "weakest" of the four options outlined by David Pannick "How to judge a human rights Bill". Law, August 12).

The New Zealand model is not a genuine Bill of Rights. The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 is (to put it no higher) an unprincipled and nonsensical instrument which affirms in effect that all citizens have rights unless the legislature (in practice the government majority) decides that they do not

The Act forbids the courts to hold any law invalid by reason of its incon-sistency with the Bill of Rights. Such a provision violates both constitutional principle and common sense. It is the function of courts to decide what the

If the Bill of Rights is law, its express purpose is to disable a simple majority of legislators from infringing rights. To deny power to the courts to determine when they have done so is to enable the majority to determine the limits of their own jurisdiction, a provision which simultaneously damages the rule of law and the separation

All of this is elementary, but it seems about to be ignored.

In New Zealand the model chosen has produced a legal quagmire, and it would do so here. There may, in many cases, be no judicial opinion on the compatibility of legislation with the Bill of Rights, since if a court considers that the legislation is clear the question of whether it infringes rights

does not arise for decision.

All those in all parties who have over the years supported the case for a Bill of Rights will regard a Bill modelled on these principles as a betrayal of their cause and will treat it with deserved derision.

If - as is rumoured - the New Zealand model is what the Lord Chancellor's Cabinet committee has in mind, it would do well to think

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY MARSHALL, The Queen's College, Oxford. August 13.

Role of the CPS

From His Honour Joseph Dean Sir. Justice is the principle intended to

underlie all our criminal procedures. But should it really be the duty of prosecuting counsel "to act as a minister of justice", as His Honour Judge Morrell suggests in his letter of August 13? Is not that the duty of the judge, leaving it to prosecuting coun-sel to prosecute and defending counsel to defend? This after all is the basis of our adversarial system of trial.

Much court time is wasted nowadays by prosecuting counsel elabo-rately explaining to the jury the necessity to satisfy the "burden" and also the "standard" of proof. That is the first duty of the judge in summing up, and defending counsel will rightly have placed full emphasis on it. Having heard these points repeated at such length by all three bewigged lawyers in turn, the jury may some-times be left with the impression that they cannot safely convict, despite clear views they may have reached

about the guilt of the accused. All this may have some bearing on the high percentage of acquittals.

JOSEPH DEAN. The Hall, West Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. August 14.

Master class? From Mr Hugh Walton

Yours faithfully,

Sir. The lady who wishes to be awarded a degree of Mistress of Arts (letters, August 15) may take en-couragement from the fact that, as long ago as the last century, my mother and her contemporaries at graduation were awarded the degree of Lady Literate in Arts (LLA), at St Andrews University, even though, as I have been told, this degree no longer

Yours faithfully, H. M. WALTON, Queenscroft. 8 Third Acre Rise, Oxford. August 15.

From Dr Christine Laine

Sir, In the past month my husband has received letters addressed solely to him regarding joint investments, my personal investments and our daughter's schooling. Whilst such out-dated practices persist there will always be a need for the Sue Wilkses of the world to challenge current thinking by voicing what appear, today, to be extreme

Yours faithfully, C. LAINE, Springfield, Marford, Wrexham. August 15.

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The 'quagmire' for A levels given a rollercoaster ride

From Mr Adam A. C. Barnard

Sir, If indeed higher A-level pass rates reflect a deflation in the value of England's gold standard, as the Institute of Management suggests (report, August 14), surely the answer is to address the content of the examinations, not the number taken.

In the days when A levels were valued more highly, typically only three were sat. The modern system of modular subjects, under which papers can be continually repeated across the two years of studying until the desired result is achieved, diffuses the intensity of work required, making it possible that one or more A levels will have been completed come the main sitting in June, and allowing candidates to select the best of per-

haps four attempts at a single paper. To regain our role as international leaders of education, we need to go back, not bacc.

Yours faithfully, ADAM BARNARD. 3 The Terrace, Barnes, SW13.

From Mr Victor Serebriakoff

Sir. The greater proportion that get it. the less the value of an A-level pass to the pupil and the employer; the greater the apparent value to the Government, the school and teachers. The Establishment claims an 87 per cent success rate (report, August 14);

employers grumble about standards. What is the use to an employer or applicant of a scholastic qualification that ensures only that the pupil is better than the worst-scoring 13 per cent of the quarter million students that took it?

Discussions between the teachers, inspectors and employers might help produce a compromise which resolved this paradox and made the results more meaningful and informative. If, for instance, the average percentile or even decile rating of each pupil were given it would be more informative. (A decile shows in which tenth the score is: the top, second, sixth or which.)

Preferably the measure should be based on added value. The percentile should be performance-related to mental age as well as to actual age, as in IQ tests, thus reflecting the value added by the teachers and the school. To know the school average of these ratings as well as the pass rate would also be helpful.

Yours faithfully, VICTOR SEREBRIAKOFF for Gifted Children), Flat 1/6 The Paragon. Blackheath, SE3. August 16.

From Mr Christopher Wolland

Sir. Your leading article today asks if A-level students are sufficiently stretched. Having taught A-level history for 30 years, and as an examiner in the subject, I am convinced that the demands placed on students, in this

A-level history teaches the student

subject at least, are just as great, and

in some respects greater, than in the

to make judgments through a rigprous examination of evidence, to come to conclusions about complex issues after thorough study and debate and to discriminate between verifiable fact and mere assertion. If only our politicians could do the same. particularly when speaking on the subject of education.

duce work of which university students in the past would have been proud: I assure you, they are

(Director of Sixth Form Studies, Handsworth Grammar School). The Firs, Station Road. Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Having studiously read exam papers, syllabuses and textbooks from previous years. I have no doubt that over the past decade there has been a phenomenal slide in the difficulty and rigour of the A-level examinations, at least in my own subjects of double maths, physics and chemistry. More difficult material has been constantly "falling off" the top end and re-placed by new material arriving from

A levels, in my view, are a devalued currency. The only way to arrest the slide is to admit the problem.

Yours sincerely DAVID ANDERSON, 4 Grass Yard, Kimbolton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. david_anderson@usa.net August 14.

Sir, My wife, who is a teacher of Alevel economics and politics and an examiner of A-level husiness studies. posed me an intriguing question in the light of the inevitable cries that standards at A level have fallen again. apparently for the 16th year running.

world records were run on the Zurich athletics track (report, later editions, per cent faster than the previous record. By the same logic as is used for A-level results, surely it is far more plausible that the track in Zurich is actually 398 metres, rather than 400 metres long.

17 Drake Avenue, Mytchett, Camberley, Surrey. wcpr@dial.pipex.com August 14.

saying that Haeckel's drawings could

not possibly have been done from life

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The exceptional case was when I

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body, as far as I know, has com-

mented upon or even noticed the

peculiarity of introducing data more

At least most people are unlikely to

take Haeckel's pictures for photo-graphs — a mistake often made over

my illustrations in Gray's Anatomy,

even by those who should know

closely matching reality.

RICHARD E. M. MOORE,

Radlett, Hertfordshire.

Tykesditch, 36 Oakridge Avenue,

With one exception, none of my

Haeckel's drawings

From Professor Terry J. Hamblin

Sir. Dr Michael Richardson's exposure of the scientific fraud of Professor Ernst Haeckel ("An embryonic liar", Mind and matter, August 11) tells us nothing new. The famous drawings which you reproduce are alluded to in both the Biographical Dictionary of Scientists and the Dictionary of Scientific Biography in editions pub-

university court in Jena, in Prussia.

gives credence to his complaint.

Although Haeckel's theory that embryology recapitulates evolutionary development has been so thoroughly discredited, it was still being taught as one of the evidences for evolution when I was at school in the 1960s.

London's theatre

From the Artistic Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company

Sir, I can reassure Mr Richard Marshall (letter, August 13) that the Royal Shakespeare Company will not be bringing "a selection of their repertoire" to the Barbican in the forthcoming season, but will be transferring the whole of the Stratford repertoire to London, as well as a new production of Henry V in the Barbican Theatre and A Comedy of Errors at the Young Vic. The Herbal Bed continues to play at the Duchess.

I can also reassure him that our theatre in Stratford is not full of overseas tourists at all; our research shows us that only 13 per cent of our audience come from abroad.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN NOBLE. Royal Shakespeare Company. Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. Many A-level students today pro-

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER WOLLAND

From Mr David Anderson

Sir, Before collecting my own results this morning, I read Baroness Blackstone's effort to refute the "damaging canard" that A-level standards are falling ("A bridge for the gap year", August 14). I was not convinced.

From Mr William Richards

Last night, no fewer than three

Yours sincerely, W. C. P. RICHARDS,

From Dr Richard E. M. Moore Sir, Dr Richardson is reported as

book.

lished more than twenty years ago. In fact, Haeckel was tried and

convicted of scientific fraud by a He admitted the offence but claimed that the majority of such drawings were similarly reconstructed from the imagination. Alas, recent evidence of scientific fraud, in Europe and the US,

Yours faithfully, TERRY J. HAMBLIN, Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Department of Haematology and Oncology. Castle Lane East, Bournemouth, Dorset. terioha@aol.com

A fair fare?

Yours sincerely.

August 12.

From Mrs C. M. Potter

Sir. We are all being urged to use public transport but do these encouraging noises really mean anything? Our daughter and granddaughter

(aged six) recently travelled by train from Reading to Guildford, returning on a different day. The cost was £9.30 each way, as they had to buy single tickets, thus £18.60 for the double journey. Both journeys involved car transport to and from the stations.

For less than a third of this amount the whole family could have done the double journey from door to door. Where is the incentive to change to public transport?

Yours faithfully, CONSTANCE POTTER, 35 Linersh Wood Close, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey. August 17.

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Elderly drivers and road safety

From Professor John Adams

Sir. The call for a ban on older drivers by the family of the woman killed by a car driven by an 86-year-old woman - who also died, of a heart attack - is understandable in the circumstances (report, August 13). But if one were to choose age and sex as the principal criteria for eligibility to drive, one would not begin with \$6-year-old

In Britain, motorists in the age band 16-19 are nine times more likely to be injured in a road accident than those over 80 - despite the fact that, because of their fragility, old people are much more likely than young people to be injured in collisions of the same severity. Severe crash involve-ment rates for licensed drivers are even more relevant to the guestion of who might be banned, since they include accidents involving pedestrians

and cyclists as well as people in cars.
In the US the rate for 20-year-old male drivers is 19 times higher than that for 85-year-old women. Equivalent statistics are not published for Britain, but there is no reason to suppose they would be significantly

The elderly can see less well, and react to events less quickly, but -hugely offsetting these disabilities they are more careful. They are very largely self-regulating. They drive less at night, avoid motorways, and gradually confine their journeys to short trips on familiar routes close to home.

There are many good reasons for reducing society's dependence on the car. But starting with the elderly would be neither equitable nor, in terms of road safety, effective.

Yours sincerely. JOHN ADAMS, University College London, Geography Department, 26 Bedford Way, WCI. jadams@geog.ucl.ac.uk August 14.

From Mr Malcolm Stewart

Sir. The heading to Dr Stuttaford's article today, "Elderly drive less dangerously than young", is accurate as far as it goes. The young are more easily provoked, particularly by people driving slowly enough to be pulled over by the police.

If driving statistics categorised as behaviour likely to contribute to an accident" existed. I suspect the elderly would show the young a thing or two.

Yours faithfully, 17a Burford Road, Witney, Oxfordshire. August 14.

Essex man

From Dr Chris Pond

Sir. I see that Essex County Council (report, 12 August) is trying to dispel the Essex Man image. Shame on them! Loyal Essex men and women have long cherished and even fostered the belief that they are "feckless Philistines", in the full knowledge of

its error. After all, we don't want the quiet woods and fields, the lonely marshes and the pleasant towns and villages of God's Own County over-run by in-comers from Herts, Bucks or Surrey - the shiresmen, as Essex people call

Yours faithfully, C. C. POND, Forest Villa, Staples Road, Loughton, Essex. 106126.24@compuserve.com

August 12.

From Mr Derrick Murphy Sir. I was gratified to read Michael Horsnell's report concerning the

plight of Essex Man. As someone who was brought up in Essex, but who left the county many years ago, I was pleased to see mention of the bipolar nature of the county: the industrial southeast and the picturesque countryside. Perhaps the time has come not for a damage limitation exercise but a recognition of

that fact. A better course would be to follow the distinction made in Kent. Essex Man could be located south of Chelmsford and characterised by the use of "estuary" English and by the cultural baggage associated with the term: north of Chelmsford could be the home of the Man of Essex, an East Anglian still living in what remains of a once pleasant rural county.

Yours faithfully. DERRICK MÜRPHY, 14 Church Road, Davenport Green. Wilmslow, Cheshire. August 12.

Cut above the rest

From Miss Sarah Mulholland

Sir. Still pondering over the intriguing images of de-ranged lawnmowers, alarmed meters and mad prawns fletters, August 12, 13 and 14), I am now wondering whether to take up the offer of a local hairdresser to cut my hair "while-u-wait". Given the hectic pace of life, however, perhaps I should after all simply leave it in to be cut while I pursue other tasks.

Yours faithfully, SARAH MULHOLLAND 39 Private Road. Sherwood, Nottingham, Aupust 14.



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BALMORAL CASTLE

August 17: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by other Members of the Royal Family, disembarked from HMY Britannia this morning at Clibber Quay. Aberdeen Harbour, and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Abderdeen (Mrs Margaret Farquhar, the Lord Provost).

Her Majesty and their Roy-al Highnesses subsequently drove to Balmoral Castle.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines CAPTAIN: M P Fitzgerald to MoD

Bristol, 17,10,97. COMMANDER: M P Avery to MoD London in rank of Acting Captain, 12-12-97; W B Geddes to IMS Brussels, 11.8.97; C E Stanley to JSCSC, 1.9.97. MAJOR: S V Balm to HQRM

Retirements

COMMANDER: J S Aiken, 7.11.97; W M Hodson, 7.11.97. Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: A P N Lambert to HQ BFFI, 20.8.97. WING COMMANDER: M R
Hooker to HOSTC, 28.97; P A
Morris to RAF Lyneham, 48.97; N
C Randle to RAF Coningsby,
48.97. A Thompson to RAF High
Wycombe, 48.97. P Williams to
BDS Washington, 48.97. D M Wood to RAF Coningsby, 4.8.97; E G Coulter to MoD (PE), 18.8.97.

PIGEONS and doves are

almost the only birds singing

during the long, hot days of August collared doves sing

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from rooftops, wood pigeons

coo more deeply in the trees.

Families of swallows fly

high over lakes and ponds to

catch the small insects rising

from them; sometimes one

will dive down and take a sip

of water before rejoining the

flock. Families of goldfinches

and greenfinches are still

flying about together and will

soon join up into larger flocks.

The goldfinches are feeding

on thistle and ragwort seeds,

CZERMIN - On Angust 13th to Lucinda (née Wright) and Poter, a daughter Andrey.

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WALKER - On August 13th 1997, in Cape Town to Jes-sica (née Willink) and James a son Harry James.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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their family are desply ful for all the goodwill prayers received from grateful for all the goodwill and prayers received from many sources in their recent loss, and from which they have had much constort, but sak that they be forgiven further individual reply.

ERRENGTON - "Roddy" on 12th August suddenly while writh his family is Rodmarley, Glos. Will be greatly missed by Richard, jeanifer, Ursula and friends. Service at Gloucester crymatorium Tuesday, 19th

August at 2pm.
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Lonely heart gander steps out again

A LONELY hearts advertisement on behalf of a pining gander has brought a spring to his step. The seven-year-old gander, Boy, was feeling un-loved after all four of his flock

were killed by foxes or stolen.
Arthur Green, 78, of
Ledbury, Herefordshire, said:
"When his last mate went,
Boy just went to pieces. I had
tried everybody keeps geese, but no one had one available, so I put an advert in the paper." The advertisement in the

Ledbury Reporter, asking for "a mature white goose" to help a "lonely gander from pining away", brought a dozen re-plies. Mr Green chose Daisy and Spotless and the effect on Boy was immediate. "He's no longer an old Boy, more like a young stud. I'm sure we will have goslings in spring."

Recent grants include: Health and Health Care Re-search Unit: Dr M Donnelly. E14_364 for "the admissions of young people to psychiatric hos-

Northern Ireland Cancer Registry: Dr A Gavin. £20,000 over three years from BCH Trust Funds

Nature notes

The goldfinch

the greenfinches picking up

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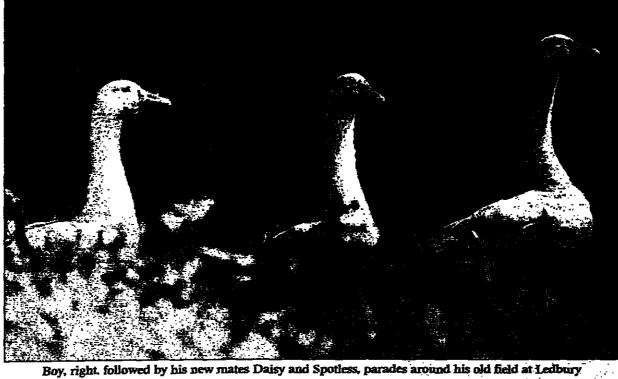
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wheat has been harvested; at

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University news

Durham Professor John Ansiee has been appointed as a Pro-Vice-Chan-cellor. Professor Tony Unsworth has been appointed Dean for the Faculty of Science and Dr Joy Palmer Dean for the Faculty Social Sciences. Queen's University, Belfast

Birthdays today Professor R.M. Acheson, epi

demiologist, 76; Mr Brian Aldiss, science fiction writer,

72: Sir Bryan Askew, former

chairman, Yorkshire Regional

Health Authority, 67; Dame

for cancer research. Northern Ireland Technology Centre: Professor E Beatty, £28.367 over seven months from the Euro-pean Union for the promotion of innovative management techniques in SME, and £84,207 over one year for a pre-pilot project.

Royal engagement

Princess Margaret, president, Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, visits the Craigendarroch Hotel, Ballater, 6.35, and accepts a cheque for the society from staff and guests of Stakis

mayweed are spreading through the stubble.

Along railway embank-ments golden rod mingles

with the rosebay willow-herb.

and the dull gold flowers of

fleabane are common on

roadside verges. By rivers, the

great water dock has clusters

of pink flowers, and massive

leaves stretching four feet. A

new generation of small tor-toiseshell butterflies is feed-

ing on the buddleia.

losephine Barnes, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 85: Miss Nicola Bayley, writer and illu-strator, 48; Sir James Birrell,

former chief executive, Halifax Building Society. 64; Mr Neil Durden-Smith, sports commentator, 64; Mr Godfrey Evans, former cricketer, 77 Sir Robert Horton, chairman, Railtrack, 58; Dame Moura Lympany, concert pianist, 81; Sir John Mason, FRS, former director-general, Meteorologi-cal Office, 74: Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 69; Mr H.S.K. Peppiatt, chairman, the edge of some fields, tall Moorfields Eye Hospital, 67; Mr Roman Polanski, film dioats from crops of earlier years are still left standing. The white flowers of scentless rector, 64; Mr Justice Potts, 66;

Mr Robert Redford, actor and director, 60; Mr Patrick Shovelton, civil aviation and shipping expert, 78; Mr P.A.C. Smith, former chairman, Securicor, 77; Mr Patrick Swayze, actor, 45; General Bramwell H. Tillsley, former interna-tional leader, Salvation Army, 66; Mr Caspar Weinberger. GBE, former American Secretary of Defence, 80: Mr Charles Wilson, managing director. Mirror Group, 62; Miss Shel-

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss E.A. Holland

The engagement is announced between Kevin Neil, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Bushell, of Caterham, Surrey, and Elizabeth Ann (Lisa), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Holland, of South Nutfield, Surrey.

Mr P.A. Clark and Captain J.R. Orpin, AGC

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Clark, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr Brian Martin and Mrs Sylvia Freeman.

Mr C. Coomasaru and Dr S.E. Wilson

The marriage will take place on September 6. at Newnham Coll-ege, Cambridge, between Chami, son of Mr and Mrs Gilbert Coomasaru, of London, W2, and Sarah Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Wilson, of County Durham:

Mr P.M.A. Corbin and Miss G.H. Keeley

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Corbin, of Dorchester, Dorset, and Genevieve, daughter of the late Mr William Brian Keeley and of Mrs W.B. Keeley, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Dr R.B. Godwin-Austen and Dr S. Shearman The engagement is announced between Richard Godwin-Austen, of Papplewick Hall, Nottingham-shire, and Sally Shearman, of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

and Miss D.M. Fairhorst

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of the late Mr R. Dixon and of Mrs P.E. James, of Canterbury, Kent, and Dukie, only daughter of the late: Mr J. Fairhurst and of Mrs A.M. Fairhurst. of Hardwick. Long Stratton, Norfolk,

and Miss N.J. Symes

The engagement is announce between Simon, son of Mr Ronald C. Jones, of Puteaux, France, and Mrs Jeanette Jones, of Esher, Surrey, and Natasha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roderick Symes, of Knowl Hill, Berkstine.

Mr A.W.L. Macdouga and Miss J.M. McDaniel

The engagement is announced between Alasdair, elder son of Mr Patrick Macdougall, of Fulham, London, and Mrs Sally Macdougall, of Chobham, Surrey, and Jennie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger McDaniel, of Leatherhead, Surrey.

Mr R.W. Myers and Miss C.J.F. Buriton

The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of the late His Honour Mark Myers and of Mrs Katherine Myers, of Highgate, London, and Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Ferrer Burlton, of Byford, Victorial Landon, of Byford,

Marriages

and Miss L.J. Stephenion

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Martin's, Thompson, Norfolk, of the Hon Andrew Needham, younger son of Sir Richard and Lady Needham, of London, SWI, to Miss Lindsay Stephenson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lance Stephenson, of Thomp son. The Rev Hedley Richardson

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lady Christina Needham and Mrs Helen Baker. Viscount Newry and Morne was

best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Africa.

Mr J. Spring Rice and Miss N.L. Robins

and Miss N.L. Robinson
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's, Bray-on-Thatmes, Berkshire, of Mr Jonathan Spring Rice, son of the Hon Michael and Mrs Spring Rice, of Nettleton, Wiltshire, to Miss Natalie Lara Robinson, elder dauginer of Mr and Mrs Anthony Rivett Robinson, of Bracknell, Berkshire, The Rev G. Renath Berkshire. The Rev G. Repath

officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by lier father, was attended by Fione Leah Pinkerton, Rebecca: Flettr Pinkerton, Charlotte Hollingsworth, Prancesca Robinson and Mandy Slater. Mr William Martin Fatherns was

best man. A reception was held at Queen's Eyot, Bray-on-Thames, and the honeymoon will be spent in St

Mr S.J. Austia and Ms C.S. Charlion

The marriage took place on Pri-day, August 15, 1997, at Sandown Park, of Mr Stuart James Austin. younger son of Mr and Mrs J.
Austin, of Haywards Heath, to Ma
Claire Susan Charlion, eldest
daughter of Mr and Mrs S.G.E. Payne, of Guildford, Surrey. Mr Mark Austin was best manMr S. Colyer and Miss M. Marshall

The marriage took place on August 16, at St Mary's Church, Great Baddow, between Mr Stephen Colyer, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Colyer, and Miss Michelle Marshall, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Marshall; both of Chelmsford, Essex

Captain C.E. Coode and Miss G.S.D. Moore

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 16, 1997, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Church of St. John the Bagots, Burley, of Captain Charles E. Coote, Army Air. Corps. of Farleigh Wick, Wiltshire, to Miss Gabrielle S.D. Moore, of Ringwood, Hampshire. The Vendings Challest of Conference of Captain Charles of Conference of Captain Charles of Captains. Alan Clarkson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Miss Danielle Moore and Miss Alice Kelly. Mr Darman Beeley was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr D.C.F. Pears and Mrs B.A. Thomson

A service of blessing was held on Saurday, in Berwick St John Church, after the marriage at Salisbury Register Office of Mr David Pearson to Mrs Bridget Thomson, Canon Sydney William officiated.

Mr G.W. Ventous and Miss J.D. Wilson

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 16, at St Finnian's Church, Belfast, of Mr Gerard (Tigs) Ventom to Miss Jacqueline Wilson.

The honeymoon will be spent

Mr CR. Wilson and Mrs J.G. Pickard

The marriage took place on August 15, in London, between Mr Clive Richard Wilson and Mrs Margaret Jennifer Pickard, widow of John Pickard.

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DEATHS: Genghis Khan. Mongol Emperor 1175-1227.

Mongolia, 1227; Guido Reni Le painter, Bologna, 1642; James Beattle, poet, Aberdeen, 1803: André-Jacques Garnerin, acres, la conaut, Paris, 1823; Honoré de 37 Balzac, novelist, Paris, 1850; 18 Sir William Fairbairn, Bt, engineer, Moor Park, Surrey, 1874; William Henry Hudson. naturalist, London, 1922; Sir Frederick Ashton, ballet choreographer, Suffolk, 1988. The National Fire Service was established in Britain, 1941. The first oral contraceptive was marketed by the Searle

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GRENTINS - Raigh Lesife of Lowestoft, Suffolk-Peacufully at James Paget Hospital, Gorleston, on August 14th, aged 83 years. Beloved husband of Eleen, dearly loved Dad of Im and a loving brother and uncle-Funeral Service at Gordsetum Crematorium on Thursday, August 21st at 2.00pm. Flowers - or donations if desired - For James Paget Hospital, Scanners Appeal are being accepted c/o 2. Rivett Ltd. 15, Caston Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

HAMILTON - Cathy, Beloved daughter of Mai, sister of Mary, Joan and Ted, Justemi of Eamenn and mother of Victoria and Eamenn, Died

Victoria and Emman. Died pescufully at Rawdon Lodge August 13th 1997. The funeral will be held at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Yeadon, Leeds on August 22nd at 11.00ms.

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MECHOLSON (Jonn.) On August 12th 1997, suddenly at home in Expter (Scormerly of St Thomas Hospital, London), Carsimony at Expter Cremerorium, Wedinesday 20th August, 3pm.

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DESCH - Bridget Danvers (nie Power), puscefully at home with her family on 14th August. 29ed 65. Beloved offe of John and mother of Catherina, junet and Aiston-Pamily Thanksgiving Service at St Mark's, Pescalake, Saturday 23rd August at 11am. No flowers; donations, if desired, to Puschake School Trust, Southernwood, Lawbrook Line, Pescalake, Guittiord, GUS 90W.

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TOM ECKERSLEY

Tom Eckersley, OBE. graphic designer, died on August I aged 82. He was born on Scotember 30, 1914

The poster work of Tora Eckersley forms an unexpensed bridge from the stark modernism of David Bomberg and Edward Wadsworth to the colourful graphers and pop art of the 1960s. There is no fuss or waste in his designs, and their purpose is communicated at once. His bold images were built from silhoustes and blocks of flat colour, geometrical or smooth which seduced the eye into reading the message from the advertiser or the ministry. Whether sponsored by government or commerce, the early posters aimed to beguile urban man into a irenetic conformity and an appreciation of how lucky he was to live in the age of mass production and the motor car. Later, the touch was rather lighter and wittier, with more visual puns. Eckersley flourished in the

great days of the poster, from the 1930s to the 1960s, when enterprises such as Shell-Mex, London Transport and the General Post Office were commissioning prolifically and supporting some remarkable artists, ranging from Rex Whistler to Duncan Grant and Ben Nicholson. For their money they got not only effective publicity, but some of the finest graphic work done: in Britain this century. Posters by Eckersley and his friends are now preserved in muse-

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ums and appear at Someby's. The son of a Methodist minister, Tom Eckersley was born in Lowton, Lancashire, into a house full of books. He spent much of his childhood reading and drawing, and at 16 was enrolled by his mother into the Salford School of Art. where he won the Heywood medal for best student.



The early Thirties made a strong and lasting impression on me," he later said. "At that time the poster was perhaps the most significant form of publicity. The great Cassandre and other French designers produced avant-garde pos-ters, as did McKriight Kauffer and Hans Schleger in

England."
By the time he was 20, he had teamed up with another student, Eric Lombers, and the pair were designing post-ers to offer to agencies. Moving to London, they taught together at the Westminster School of Art in 1938-39, and by 1940 "Eckersley Lombers" was well established, with work for the BBC, Austin Reed and the agency W. S. Crawford. They also produced some headpieces and illustrations for Radio Times.

At the beginning of the war, the partners separated, Lom-bers going into the Army and actions - and of "careless talk". The series continued into peacetime with a number of road safety exhortations. On a lighter note he de-

signed the poster for the 1949 film Whisky Galore, and a series of six posters with the legend "Good mornings begin with Gillette" with happy, well-shaven billy-goats, pandas and Egyptians, head to head with their ungroomed counterparts

In 1957 Eckersley became head of design at the London College of Printing, where he taught for 20 years and was honoured with a retrospective in 1975. Alongside his teaching, he thought it essential to continue as a practitioner, and his later clients included Cook's, Unicef and the World Wide Fund for Nature. He also worked as a national inspector of art and design courses. He was appointed Royal Designer for Industry in 1963, won the Chartered Society of Designers' medal in 1990, and held a number of

design fellowships.
During the 1980s and 1990s there were regular exhibitions of his work, and it began to be collected internationally. He was always grateful for the "enlightened" patronage of Frank Pick at London Transport, Colonel Beddington at Shell, and their peers, but he was scornful of the brazen commercialism of modern poster design, which with its aggressive, computer-generated images and fearful typefaces has none of his humour or visual good manners. There has always been a certain amount of bad work around, "he said in 1990, "but I never thought it would turn out like this."

He was twice married, first to Daisy Brown, and then to the painter Mary Kessell. He is survived by his wife and two of his three sons from his first marriage. Another son, Paul, died earlier this year.







Mohammed al-Jawahiri, Lraqi poet, died in Damascus, Syria, on July 27 aged 98. He was born in Najaf, Iraq,

These contradictory emotional pulls perhaps explain much of his erratic behaviour. They certainly broadened his vision beyond the narrow confines of Arab nationalism, and gave his poetry and extensive journalism their

He flirted with most of the

Mohammed Mahdi al-Jawahiri was born in the ancient city of Najaf in southern Iraq. to the family of a Persianspeaking Shia cleric when Iraq was a mere collection of provinces in the Ottoman Empire. His father earned his livelihood by praying for Iranian pilgrims at the shrine of Imam Ali, the assassinated fourth caliph and cousin of Muhammad, the founder of the Islamic faith. His grandfather, Abd Ali, had written a book on literature, The Jewels of Words. The family name,

Jawahiri discovered his own literary talents early and decided not to follow in his

lished his first collection of poems in 1923, by which time he was highly politicised as a result of the trauma of the First World War. Mesopotamia had been seized by Britain and declared a new state, its largest three communities: Shia Arabs and Iranians in the south, Sunni Arabs in the

This single hurried act, which involved the mustardgassing of Kurdish villages and the importation of a prince from Arabia, set the

centre, and Kurds in the



stage for the later bloody

A telling story about the life of Jawahiri at that time is told in the autobiography of Satia al-Husri, one of a group of Syrian Arab nationalists whom the new King Faisal had imported to imbue the disparate citizens of the new state with a national identity. As director of education, Husri later wrote that he interviewed Jawahiri for a post in a primary school. When he asked about the applicant's ethnicity, the reply

most inconvenient, and the director had to say that he could not employ the young man. The applicant was surprised. "Why," he inquired. don't we have any Syrian teachers?"

As the young man was al-

ready a well-known poet and wrote in Arabic, he was enticed into applying for Iraqi citizenship; but only three days later he published a poem about the natural beauties of Iran, for which he was sacked, because his poem was declared to be that of a Shu'ubi - a non-Arab who regards Arabs as inferior.

Jawahiri's alienation from the ideologies ruling Iraq was to persist. Although he refused to join the Communist Party, he was at one time so closely associated with that persecuted group that he had to flee to Eastern Europe. At other times, he would wear a Kurdish hat to show solidarity with the rebels in the northern highlands. and he grew specially fond of the Kurdish leader Kalal Talabani. Throughout his life he pleaded for tolerance and love among antagonistic nationalities

One Iraqi ruler with whom Jawahiri never ilirted was Saddam Hussein, despite the attractive bribes he was offered. When Saddam became President in 1979, the poet went into exile, never to return.

Jawahiri's verse is written in the traditional bohoor metres of Arabic poetry, and some of his more lyrical songs were adopted by successful singers in other countries, so that he came to be known as "the singer of the sunlight". This did not make him rich, but he spent his last two decades in Damascus in relative comfort. A tall, slim man, he was lucky in his good health and is survived by two sons and three daughters.

TOBY MARTEN

Lieutenant-Commander George G. (Toby) Marten, DSC, Crickel Down campaigner, died on August 15 aged 78. He was born on December

KNOWN always as Toby. Commander George Marten won himself a small place in political history by winning a victory for the individual over the incivility of civil servants. In 1954 he became the first layman to force a minister to resign, over the ownership of Crichel Down, in Dorset, and the manner in which the case had been handled. His tenacity in fighting the bureaucrats made him something of a hero, at a time when the public was losing patience with a State still operating as though wartime emergency justified the overruling of private interests.

The case concerned a 328acre slice of Crichel Down, at Wimborne, belonging to the family of Marten's wife, which had been compulsorily purchased in 1937 as an Air Ministry bombing range. After the war, when it was no longer needed, it was not offered back. to the family, but passed in-stead to the Ministry of Agriculture, thence to the Agricultural Land Commission, thence to the Commissioners of Crown Lands, who found a new tenant. Marten, whose wife would have inherited, repeatedly applied to buy or rent the land, but was refused, despite earlier assurances. So by stirring up local feeling,

involving the press and using his political connections, Marten forced Churchill's Minister of Agriculture. Sir Thomas Dugdale, to hold a public ເກດຸນນຽ. The resulting report, issued in May 1954 by Sir Andrew Clark, stated that the men

from the ministry had shown a most regrettable attitude of hostility" to Marten, "engendered solely by a feeling of irritation that any member of the public should have the temerity to ... question the acts or decisions of officials". Dugdale told the House that no further action was necessary, but in June he faced 150 protesting backbenchers, one of whom. Sir Waldron Smithers, said he should dis-

miss the officials or resign. In a Commons debate on July 20, Dugdale repeated that the civil servants had not wilfully deceived him, but outlined a new policy regarding land acquired for wartime purposes, giving former owners first refusal. He then concluded by offering his resignation to a startled House. This gesture was regarded

as reviving the principle of ministerial responsibility, and has often been cited as an example of probity and a precedent for proper action. Dugdale was generally supposed to have been kept in the dark by his department, and 1. F. Nicolson's The Mystery of Crichel Down (1986) quotes him as saying: "As a Conservative minister I failed to

detect this particular hangover of Socialist legislation. 1 consider I have let my colleagues down and that is why I shall resign."

He was not, however, being so candid and quixotic as at first appeared. The release of private and official papers 30 years later showed that he had been fully informed about what was going on, and that there had been division in the Government, with Churchill and one of Dugdale's Under-Secretaries, Lord Nugent of Guildford, urging that the land be handed back. After Dugdale's resignation, Nug-ent and the other Under-Secretary, Peter Carrington, also offered to go, but Churchill refused to accept.

In his memoirs, Carrington. who promptly resigned as Foreign Secretary when the Falkland Islands were invaded in 1982, recalled "a certain amount of incompetence and administrative bungling" during the Crichel Down affair. But Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe. the Home Secretary at the time, considered it a powerful blow against collectivism. which affected even Labour Party policy. Marten got his

land back. George Goslin Marten was educated at Dartmouth before going into the Navy. As First Lieutenant serving in HMS Penn in 1942, he won the DSC during Operation Pedestal off Valletta, when he boarded the burning tanker Ohio to attach a tow-rope. The tanker, which was transporting fuel for Spirfires, made it into the Grand Harbour, and the operation helped to save Malta for the

Marten later saw action in the Greek Islands, and in 1947 he was appointed Naval Equerry to King George VI. In 1949 he married the Hon Mary Sturt, and after the Korean War he resigned from the Navy to take charge of the 7,500-acre estate she had inherited. He was especially interested in forestry, and became an expert on the growing of timber.

Shortly after the Crichel Down case, he won a second victory, this time in court, concerning the use of another part of the estate sold during the war, at Tarrant Rushton. This land had been used by the Air Ministry as an airfield for gliders on D-Day, and was subsequently leased to a private company, Flight Refuel-ling. The company was attempting to expand and to use Tarrant Rushton for other industrial purposes when Marten pointed out that the land was subject to a covenant restricting it to agricultural or defence uses. The court dismissed the argument that publicly leased land could not be covered by a private covenant. In 1961 Marten was High

years he was on the candidates' list at Conservative Central Office, but was never called perhaps because he had once brought down a Tory minister. He is survived by his wife. five daughters and a son.

Sheriff of Dorset, and for some



ers before switching to Lancasters early in 1943. By this time he was part of the

JOHN WILKIN F. John Wilkin, CBE, DFM, Pathfinder navigator and Chief Accountant for the House of Commons, 1962-80, died on August 4 aged 80. He was born on August 15, 1916.

AS WELL as being a devoted servant of the House of Commons, John Wilkin had a notable wartime career as a navigator for the RAF Pathfinder Force. He won his Distinguished Flying Medal, in the summer of 1943 for the tenacity he had displayed during 27 operational sorties against targets in Germany. Italy and enemy-occupied

Czechoslovakia. Frederick John Wilkin was brought up in South London, attending Southwark Cen-

tral School along with George Brown, the future deputy leader of the Labour Party. Wilkin was keen to get on, so after leaving school he went on to Morley College in Lambeth. In 1938, he was appointed a junior clerk on the financial side of the Air Ministry at Adastral House in Kingsway. At the outbreak of war his

department was moved to Westonbirt School for Girls in Gloucestershire. Loath to re-main behind a desk, he hired tandem and cycled with his young friend "Mac" Alien to Gloucester, where he enlisted in the RAF.

After a spell in Norfolk on airfield defence, where much time was wasted polishing ammunition, he was selected for training as a navigator in Canada. For part of their training (this being before Pearl Harbor), his class were sent down to Miami where, in plain clothes, they learnt about navigation on Pan American Clipper flying-boats.

Back home Wilkin qualified as a sergeant navigator and flew in Wellington bomb-

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Pathfinder Force - selected airmen of Bomber Command whose task was to identify targets, mark them with flares and control the attack of the

main homber force. This involved cruising around the target area until the bomberaimer on the last aircraft of their phase of the operation gave the word "bombs gone". This was a dangerous business, exposing the Pathfinder aircraft to flak and fighter attack.

Returning one night to the



home airfield. Wilkin's pilot found that their plane had been so badly damaged that the undercarriage could not be lowered. With great skill he landed the aircraft on its belly. but with no brake application available it slid off the end of the runway into the fields beyond. The wireless operator, the only one with a torch to hand, went round identifying his comrades. Remarkably. they had all survived.

After 45 operational sorties. Wilkin was awarded the Permanent Path Finder Badge. He was then commissioned. rose to the rank of squadron leader and taught young navigators at Hemswell in Lin- second.

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Southwood (same diocese).

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Charge, St Botolph-without-

coinshire. In 1946 he returned " to the Air Ministry in Northumberland Avenue

Eckersley into the RAF as a

cartographer. After living in

an RAF station producing

maps and technical drawings.

he was eventually transferred to the Air Ministry's publicity

office. With the return of peace

he briefly attempted to revive

the partnership, but it was not

to be and instead he built a

strong freelance career. In the

1940s he illustrated his wife's

book Cat of Nine Lives, and

did stipple-brush drawings for

Animals on Parade with words by E. A. Cabrelly.

In 1948 he was appointed OBE when only 34, in recogni-

tion of his public service posters for the Royal Society

for the Prevention of Acci-

dents, such as "Replace covers,

prevent falls" and Broken

rungs cause broken limbs".

These had been displayed in

factories and elsewhere as part

of the war effort, their slogans

urging everyone to be alert to

the consequences of all their

One day in 1955 a call came through from the Treasury asking if Wilkin would go for an interview with the House of Commons accountant, who wanted a good man for his office. This was before the days when it was considered necessary to set up timeconsuming and expensive boards for every appointment, however junior. Following this viva voce examination, Wilkin was engaged as an assistant accountant.

In 1962 he became the principal House of Commons accountant, an appointment he held with distinction until 1980, when he was further promoted to be head of the Administration Department until his retirement in 1981.

Wilkin was a humorous and agreeable companion. His shrewd knowledge of human nature enabled him to advise Members of Parliament on financial matters with tact and efficiency. On retirement from the

House he enjoyed working in other fields. He was an associate member of the special trustees of Charing Cross Hospital: a vice-chairman of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Health Authority: a member of the Council of the National Incorporated Beneficent Society, and a Freeman of the City of London. He was also chairman of the Wickenby Register, the association of members of 12 and 626 Squadrons who had flown out of Wickenby

airfield in Lincolnshire. He married twice. Marjorie Wilson, whom he married in 1943, died in 1972, and in 1975 he married Laura Eason, who died in 1993. He is survived by a daughter from his first marriage and by a stepson .and, stepdaughter from the

The Rev Dr Martin Percy.

Director, Lincoln Theological

MOHAMMED AL-JAWAHIRI father's footsteps. He pub-

on July 26, 1899.

AS Iraq's modern poet of enlightenment and compas- despite the antipathy between sion, Mohammed al-Jawahiri was one of the Arab world's most influential 20th-century poets. He was an outstanding literary figure in the whole Arab world, though in the formative early part of his life he was an ethnic Iranian with Ottoman citizenship.

characteristic humanism.

governments of independent Iraq, including that of King Faisal I, who called him "my son", but he always quarrelled with them in the end. Generally, he found the bland claims Arab nationalists unconvincing, and the single state they wished to create undesirable.

The Jeweller", was derived from the title.

history of that unfortunate land, and made Jawahiri an active opponent of British influence in the region.

was: "I'm Iranian." This was

August 18, 1925

The outer walls are rough cast with a heavy layer of concrete. A patented method of jointing is employed between the flanges. The division walls and chimney breasts are built of brickwork bonded into the cast-iron shell. The internal walls to the ground-floor rooms and bedrooms are formed of wood stoothing covered with asbestos cement sheets. The roof is covered with tiles. The windows are wood

CAST-IRON HOUSES

NEW TYPE APPROVED

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and larder the floors are made of wood. Definite prices are quoted for erection within a 50-mile radius of the Thornchiffe ironworks, near Sheffield, but are exclusive of the cost of foundations, drains, fencing, and footpaths, which obviously depend upon the nature of the site. For a house containing, on

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After the First World War, there was a great need to build houses at reasonable prices and as quickly as possible. A three-bedroom design was priced at £425, delivered and erected. A specimen pair had been erected in 30 working hours in Sheffield.

the ground floor, a living room measuring nearly 18ft by 14h 3m. a kitchen, larder. coalplace, and porch, and on the first floor, three bedrooms, a bathroom, and a landing, the price is £435 each, delivered and erected in

numes of not less than six. The feature of the system is the extreme rapidity of erection. A specimen pair have been erected in 30 working hours in Sheffield. and are now available for inspection. Castiron shells of houses, complete with windows and outside doors, are also quoted on similar

conditions at £150 per house. The Official Gazette of the County Coun-

cils' Association for August deals with how county councils can stimulate housing in their areas. It recalls the suggestions made last March by Mr Neville Chamberlain that county councils should try to collate local housing needs with the idea of securing the benefit of large production all over the country; utilize their powers under Section 5 of the Housing Act. 1924. to encourage owneroccupiers and public-utility societies; use the same powers to advance money to owners for alterations which will make houses more useful; and encourage craftsmen to build for

themselves by their own labour. All these suggestions have received the cordial recommendation of the executive committee of the association, who state that they are in no sense antagonistic to the work of the existing housing authorities, but intend to assist those authorities to obtain the most beneficial results from the exercises of the

functions entrusted to them by Parliament. County councils are asked to inform the association of any action that is taken, and the Bucks County Council have replied that they are adopting a plan of giving guarantees to approved building societies operating in the county so as to enable the societies to advance to owner-occupiers loans of up to 90 per cent of the value of houses.

ford Cathedral. The Rev Geoffrey Coles, Vicar. Wyke (Bradford), to be Priestin-Charge, Riddlesden (same Church news Bishopsgate (same diocese).

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Wing (Oxford), to be Priest-in-(FROM A CORRESPONDENT) Charge, Diddington, Little The Ministry of Health have given approval to houses the outer walls of which are Plaxton, and Southoe (Ely). constructed of standard cast-iron plates, erected on a system devised by a Sheffield firm. These Thorncliffe-type cast-iron houses are eligible for the subsidy under the Housing

Acts of 1923 and 1924.

The Rev Paul Walker, Priestcasements securely botted to the cast-iron plates, while with the exception of the scullery

be Priest-in-Charge, Aylesham with Adisham, and Goodnestone with Chillenden

NEWS

Workers' stake plan for Post Office

■ The Government is examining plans to give postal workers a stake in the Post Office by introducing a form of employee

The move to give the Post Office more commercial freedom by offering staff a 49 per cent share of the business would improve industrial relations and help avoid a damaging spate of new strikes by Office workers this autumn_____Page 1

Test broadcasts may be auctioned

■ Television rights for cricket Test matches may be sold to the highest bidder under proposals being considered by the Government to give subscription channels the chance to bid for some of the "Crown Jewels" of sporting events. The sale could raise up to £150 million for a four-year contract but it would outrage British cricket lovers who are used to the BBC Page I

Stage craft

Sir Peter Hall accused the Canadian owners of the Old Vic of bringing his repertory company to the London theatre only in order to boost its value before putting it up for sale Page 1

Common touch

The Royal Opera House wants to appoint an ordinary Joe - or Jusephine - to its board for the first time as part of a drive to shed its clitist image Page 1

Town hall crisis

Early retirement deals for senior town council bureaucrats have contributed to a pensions crisis that is threatening to wreck vital services and drive up council taxPage 2

Plea to Queen

Delhi has appealed to the Queen to abandon a planned visit to Amritsar during her state visit to India and Pakistan Page 3

Cartoon capers

Bugs Bunny is corrupting young American minds by reinforcing gender stereotypes. Two psychologists complained there are more dominant male characters in the cartoon world than female

New Tube map

A new map has been designed to try to stop visitors getting lost on the Underground. The map is geographically accurate and shows how the lines relate to city streets abovePage 7

Silent memorial

The tenth anniversary of the Hungerford massacre will pass quietly tomorrow with no memorial service in the Berkshire market town where Michael Ryan shot dead 16 people Page 8

Turtie threatened

An invasion of rowdy British tourists on the Greek island of Zakinthos is threatening to destroy one of the last refuges of the rare loggerhead turtle...... Page 9

Masood's gameplan

Afghan General Ahmed Shah Masood claims he could have stormed Kabul to defeat the mullahs but has been waiting to built a nationwide consensus behindPage 10

Elvis mania

Delirious fans wept openly as a 'virtual" Elvis Presley performed "live" for nearly three hours at a concert to mark the 20th anniversary of his death..... Page II

Hess men Violent protests erupted in

Germany and Denmark as neo-Nazis tried to dodge German police to demonstrate their alliegance to Rudolf Hess, Adolf Page 12 Hitler's deputy....

Vailey of Dreams In California's Silicon Valley, 62

millionaires were made every day last year as a high-tech company went public on average every five ... Page 13

Casanova loses his sexiness

■ Casanova was not the arch-seducer of legend but a scholar. diplomat and even religious thinker whose reputation as a lover rests largely on his own heavily embroidered and partly fictitious account, according to several new Italian studies. Next month a play in Vicenza will present the more sober and serious side of the great lady killer...



A woman uses a lotus leaf to shelter against the light rain as she strolls with her niece along the south side of Beijing's Forbidden City

Market tears: The future of the 16year-old bull market is at risk this week as London's dealers prepare to slice 1 per cent from blue chip stocks before Wall Street

BUSINESS

Flotation: The National Grid hopes to float Energis, its telecommunications arm, in a deal valued at £1 .. Page 44

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Pension pressure: Pension funds are coming under increasing pressure to dump traditional allegiances with the largest investment managers after the big-name firms returned dismal results Page 44

Hospital food: A private health insurer is hoping to gain an edge by offering post-operative haute cuisine from one of Britain's top ... Page 44 Melvyn Bragg: "Why is a favourable review in a newspaper called a favourable review, while the same thing on radio or television is increasingly called a ... Page 16

ANS.

Tale of two cities: The V97 Festival. staged in both Chelmsford and Leeds, gave fans 150 miles apart the chance to share a 50-act bill of post-Britpop and dance fare Page 16 US visitors: The San Francisco Ballet comes to Britain for the first time in almost two decades: to appear at the Edinburgh .. Page 17

Festival offering: Edinburgh sees a strange dance collaboration between the sculptor Andy Goldsworthy and the choreographer Régine Chopinot

Great defender; Clive Stafford Smith is planning to abandon the bleak compounds of Parchman and Angola, and the notorious jails of Mississippi:the death row rescuer wants to become an MP in Tony Blair's Labour Party Page 15

PARSE

Medical sleuths: Doctors who are

trying to solve the mystery of the sweating sickness that haunted Tudor England Quick learner: When we learn a

new skill, such as riding a bicycle, it takes just six hours for the brain to store the memory away. Researchers say that it is not enough simply to practise something - you have to allow time for the brain to encode the new skill Page 14

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

LAW Be careful what you write on an electronic system - libel lawyers may become interested

ARTS All eyes on Edinburgh: film and music at the world's largest arts festival

Cricket: Mark Ramprakash, who has so often under achieved at Test level, has been recalled by England for the final match of the series against Australia Pages 23, 27

US PGA tournament has renewed speculation that he will not be selected for the Europe Ryder Cup Page 25 Motor cycling: Michael Doohan won the British Grand Prix at Donington Park in some style to

Golf: Nick Faldo's poor form at the

secure his fourth successive 500cc world championship....... Page 24 Footbell: Life in the lower reaches of the Nationwide League and in non-league football is far removed from the glamour of the FA Carling

Premiership _Page 31 Athletics: Michael Johnson, the Olympic 200 metres champion. could only finish fifth at Crystal . Page 28

Rugby league: Bradford Bulls, the newly crowned champions of the Stones Super League, have shown. the way forward with their innovative marketing ____ ... Page 34

each winning £2,070,655. Nineteen ball win £134,131. The 1.015 ticketholders with five numbers get £1.569 each, and the 53.425 with four balls win £65 each. There were 977,900 three-ball £10 winners

Proview: in Citizen's Arrest David Seaman, brain-damaged after an industrial accident for Which his employers refuse to accept responsibility, is determined to prove a link (Channel: 4, Sprn). Review: Matthew Bond is furious that Pie in the Sky (BBC1) and Wycliffe (ITV) have ended Page 43.

Light in dark places

Like poverty, corruption has been too easily accepted. That could now be changing, and changing, most hearteningly, not just in the West but in lands in which it is in endentic Page 19

Separate houses

What British sport wants and needs is a network of specialist satellite centres, where swimmers can train with swimmers and sprinters with sprinters ... Page 19

All in the mind

The exercise of the mind is as essential to our wellbeing as our morn-? ing score of sit-ups Page 19

MICHAEL GOVE

New Labour ministers may deserve a break after their energetic start but the shadow of the axe and the promise of preferment have made these holidays anything but relaxing for some _____Page 18 ISABEL CARLISLE

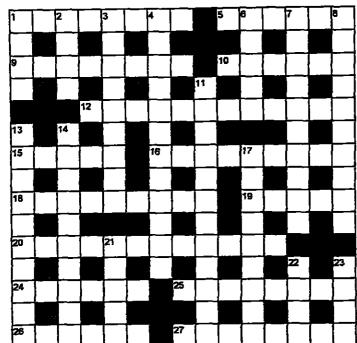
An extraordinary meeting of the Royal Academy's council has been called to vote on whether to withdraw the portait of Myra Hindley from the exhibition Sensation on the ground that to show it would cause unnecessary suffering for the victims' relatives

Tom Eckersley, graphic designer. Toby Marten, Critchel Down campaigner, Mohammed al Jawakiri. Iraqi poet: John Wilkin, House of Commons accountant Page 21

A level standards; Elderly drivers;

Adrian Noble on RSC's season: Bill of Rights: Essex man Page 19

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- ACROSS I Article of clothing found in river I
- 5 Obstructed, making confounded noise (6). 9 After prize, shoot round in the
- lead (8). 10 Position of volunteers initially
- trained in South America (6). 12 Friends gather here, having satisfying game of bingo (7-5).
- 15 Like a particle in one version of Greck (5). a 16 Sort of pie and preserve taken by
- a Northern gourmet (9). 18 The rugue cruel dons treated budly (9).
- 19 Work out the following (5).
- 20 Sign with thumbprint but achieve distinction? (4.4,4).
- 24 African politician reversed negative vote (6).
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 - Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,560 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

- 25 Yatter on terribly as a lawyer (8). 26 Advert recruiting English mídshípman (6). 27 Second bed delivered unharmed
- H-4).
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- 1 Successfully manage work in church (4).
- 2 Slander about a girl poet led up the garden path? (4).
- 3 Cleric abused converted prisoner
- 4 Short in one suit? That's not serious (5-7). 6 A desire or aspiration (5).
- 7 Very old man displaying a lot of bottle (10).
- 8 Tasteful record making money no end of mazuma (10).
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wind. Max 24C (75C)

N Wales, NW England, Lake District late of Man, N Ireland: warm, surny Chance of the odd shower later. Light southeast wind Max 23C (73F). ☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Morsy Firth, NE Scotland: cloudy, with fittle sunshine and a scattering of showers. Some mist may linger near the coast. A hight easterly wind. Max 22C (72F) Coast. A norm easterny wand. Max 220 (727).

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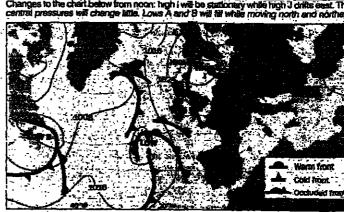
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